PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Forty-third Annual Convention

OF THE

Women's Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

OF THE

United Lutheran Church of America

HELD AT EMERSON, NEBRASKA

October 8-10, 1923

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MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET	3 years	1926
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MRS. M. D. WILLERT	2 years	1924

DELEGATES TO BIENNIAL CONVENTION

Delegates	Alternates
MRS. G. E. HICKMAN	MRS. L. A. HORNBURG
MRS. C. F. KOCH	MRS. R. W. LIVERS
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER	MRS. G. H. HAASE

DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

Home—MISS SUDA WOOD, Tekamah.

Young Women—MISS MARVEL SMITH, 1322 South Twenty-fifth St., Omaha.

Light Brigade—MRS. ORRIN STURTEVANT, 2715 Cable Ave., Lincoln.

Mission Study—MRS. C. F. KOCH, 311 West Fifth St., North Platte.

Thank Offering—MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER, Dakota City.

Magazine—MRS. P. C. HILLIGASS, Rising City.

Annuity—MRS. J. F. KREUGER, (Personal), Midland College, Fremont.

Box Work—MISS CHARLOTTE ZIEGLER, Wayne.

Student—MRS. R. W. LIVERS, Hooper.

Deaconess—MISS MARY JOHNSON, Nebraska City.

Literature—Mrs. A. K. WALBORN, 4319 South Twenty-second St., Omaha.

Life and In Memoriam—MRS. GEO H. HAASE, Emerson.

Standard of Excellence—MRS. R. E. OLSEN, 3404 Patrick Ave., Omaha.

West Indies Products—MRS. C. H. RAMM, 6322 Pinkney St., Omaha.

India Lace—MRS. J. HANSEN, 2027 Fowler Ave., Omaha.

Chairman of Japan Work—MRS. W. I. GUSS, 2051 No. Twentieth St., Omaha.

Constitutional Committee—MRS. O. D. BALTZLY, MISS EMMA SASSTROM.

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DELEGATES

Mrs. C. F. Betcke	South Side, Omaha, St. Luke's
Mrs. V. W. McDonald	Allen
Mrs. C. C. Jacobson	Omaha, First, Benson
Mrs. Claus Ramm	Omaha, First, Benson
Mrs. Earl G. Carbart	Emerson
Miss Charlotte Ziegler	Wayne
Mrs. Ude Jacobs	Hooper
Mrs. William Harkendorff	Verdon
Mrs. William Lowery	Fremont
Mrs. C. Franklin Koch	North Platte
Mrs. Ernest Luke	Emerson

Mrs. Hans Juergens	Fremont
Mrs. C. E. Armbright	South Sioux City
Mrs. J. M. King	South Sioux City
Mrs. P. M. Scherer	Tekamah
Mrs. William I. Guss	Omaha, St. Mark's
Mrs. G. H. Miller	Rising City
Mrs. William Blecker	Ponca
Mrs. Jacob Sanders	Hooper
Mrs. H. C. Heckt	Allen
Mrs. J. H. Hanson	Omaha, Redeemer
Mrs. Ida M. King	West Point
Mrs. Mary Sparr	Omaha, Kountze
Miss Suda Wood	Tekamah
Miss William Dorste	Falls City
Mrs. M. A. Mostert	Beatrice
Miss Emma B. Stevens	Beatrice
Mrs. Laura Troth	Allen
Mrs. H. C. Luckey	Lincoln
Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Wilber
Mrs. Mary Leonard	Nebraska City
Miss Helen Peterson	Omaha, Kountze, Young Ladies
Miss Marvel Smith	Omaha, Grace
Mrs. A. K. Walborn	Omaha, St. Luke's, Young Ladies
Miss Helen Bonderson	Emerson
Miss Minnie Becker	Verdon
Miss Estella Wilke	East Hall, Midland College
Miss Agnes Lundberg	Fremont, Salem, Yound Ladies
Mrs. L. F. Ries	Falls City, Young Ladies

Light Brigade

Mrs. F. J. Weertz	Kountze Memorial
Miss Ella Scheffel	Ponca
Mrs. V. R. Emerson	Emerson
Mrs. R. L. Patterson	Fremont, Salem, L. B.
Mrs. J. Lindhal	Allen, L. B.
Mrs. Alma Bonderson	Emerson, L. B.
Miss Carrie Sturtevant	Lincoln, L. B.
Mrs. G. E. Hickman	Tekamah

Monday Afternoon, October 8, 1923.

The afternoon session opened with consecration service by Mrs. P. M. Sherer of Tekamah, closing with a solo by Mrs. G. E. Hickman.

Greetings by Mrs. R. E. Rangeler.

Response, Mrs. W. I. Guss.

Convention opened formally by President.

Introduction of Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner, President of the General Society, who gave greetings, and who presented a gavel to the Society for Miss Bertha Keonig of Africa. Gavel made in Africa by natives.

Roll call and presenting credentials.

Motion carried that Mrs. Kepner and Miss Jessie Thomas, missionary from India, be made members of this convention. Miss Thomas introduced to convention.

Appointment of Committees by President.

President's and Officers' Reports

Mrs. G. E. Hickman — Mrs. M. A. Mostert — Miss Marvel Smith

Department Secretaries

Mrs. Laura Troth — Miss Ella Scheffle — Mrs. R. L. Patterson

Letters and Papers

Mrs. Fred Weertz — Mrs. A. K. Walborn — Mrs. Mary Leonard

Literature and Box Work

Mrs. Mary Sperr — Mrs. Ida King

Claims

Mrs. Wm. Blecker — Mrs. J. Hansen — Miss Helen Peterson

Pooling

Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger — Mrs. C. F. Koch

Protocol and Last Year's Minutes

Mrs. W. I. Guss — Mrs. L. A. Hornburg

Credential Committee

Mrs. H. C. Heckt — Mrs. R. C. Dobbs

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Miss Katherine Peters

Post Office

Mrs. R. C. Dobbs

Reporters

Lutheran Woman's Work ..... Miss Suda Wood
The Lutheran ..... Mrs. P. M. Sherer
Emerson Enterprise ..... Mrs. Ernest Enke

Literature in Charge

Mrs. A. K. Walborn — Miss Suda Wood — Mrs. G. E. Hickman

Assistant Secretary ..... Mrs. Claus Ramm
Auditing Committee ..... Mr. C. C. Childs

NOMINATING COMMITTEE to consist of the first delegate of each Woman's Society and the delegate from each Young Women's and Light Brigade Societies.

Offering taken, $7.04.
Vocal Solo—Mrs. J. I. Ray.
Benediction—Rev. R. W. Livers.

MONDAY EVENING

Liturgical Service ..... Rev. R. E. Rangeler
Scripture ..... Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger
Prayer ..... Mrs. M. A. Mostert
Address ..... General President, Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner
Address with slides ..... Miss Jessie Thomas of India
Offering, $25.00.
Announcements.
Benediction ..... Dr. W. F. Rangeler

TUESDAY MORNING

Devotions—Mrs. C. F. Koch.

Roll Call and reading of minutes of previous sessions with two corrections. Approved.

Announcements of Committees appointed.

Mrs. W. I. Guss presided during the President's address, which was accepted and placed in the hands of the proper committee.

(Original reports of all Officers, Secretaries and Committees filed in Protocol as given at convention.)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Today we are assembled in our Forty-third annual convention, closing another year of the highest privilege, that of being co-laborers with Christ. If we really want our lives to tell for God and humanity, then we must begin at once to do the work that God has for us to do. Our business it is to be witnesses for Christ. If we are the instruments used by our Heavenly Father for the working out of His purpose, we ought to look well to our influence and act wisely our part in the great eternal plan of His. We are either lights to illume, or tempests to destroy. Christ's kingdom awaits our personal co-operation. Let us remember the Mission of the Church, is to spread the knowledge of Him throughout the whole world.

The greatest educator in the world today is the Christian home, of which the Mother is the chief teacher. If our beloved land is to remain Christian and move on to yet larger accomplishments, she must bring up her children in the principals of our Holy religion. She must equip herself with intellectual and spiritual forces, if she aspires to continue as one of the world powers. It is a part of our Missionary

work to defend Christian Standards, to maintain and apply the teaching of the Law and Gospel, and to bring all people into the fellowship of the brotherhood of man. Training the next generation is the biggest business of this generation.

The power of prayer cannot be measured, and we need more prayer in our lives, in our home life, and in the life of our societies. A chain is only as strong as its weakest link, and the weakest link of the Nebraska Synodical Society, is in her work for Young Women and Juniors. As Missionary Women, it is our duty to foster Young Women's organizations and stress Light Brigades. The reports of our Officers, Department Secretaries and Standing Committees will prove our faithlessness or faithfulness as stewards in this blessed work. Our General Society will not be able to meet their obligations unless each Synodical society stands firm on the platform of Loyalty.

The opportunities of the year have been larger than ever before. Have we measured up to them or have we been satisfied with the past and not gone forward? The future of our Synodical work rests in your hands. Its successes and failures rests with you. This day and age is a challenge to our faith and courage, and a call to deeper and fuller consecration of our talents and our money. The Officers, Department Secretaries, Standing Committees and Conference Committees deserve commendation for the efforts which they have put forth, and although the harvest is not as large as we desire, much seed has been sown.

Official Acts

October 11, 1922, after the close of convention, your President and the Executive Committee, held a conference and appointed Dpartment Secretaries and Standing Committees. Also sent notice to all of their appointments. The usual stationery was ordered printed and sent out to the Officers, Department Secretaries and Standing Committees. Minutes of Synodical meeting were sent to all General Officers, Department Secretaries; also Secretary of Executive Board of the General Society.

December 19, 1922, a Synodical letter was sent to all Societies, urging participation in Membership Campaign, and a greatly augmented subscription list to the Lutheran Woman's Work. Also advised formation of Mission Study classes in January, or during the Lenten season.

January 10, 1923, a letter to all Societies for a subscription campaign to the Lutheran, aim to bring same into 10,000 additional homes. A final letter to all Societies, with tentative program and credential blanks enclosed.

President attended North Platte Conference at Benson, and South Platte Conference at Wilber.

Ordered programs for the Forty-third convention.

Wrote 55 post cards, 206 letters; sent 4 special delivery letters, had 6 long distance calls.

President was instrumental in bringing Rev. Nielson of Japan, Sister Laura Gilliland, Miss Bertha Keonig, Miss Jessie Thomas and Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner to Nebraska. Dr. Betty Nilson was also here.

Letters of advice were sent to those seeking admission into Synodical relationship, and numerous letters to Societies having difficulties within their bounds.

Owing to ill health, President did not attain her goal of visitation to all Missionary Societies in Nebraska, although ten visitations were accomplished.

Recommendations

Your Executive Committee presents the following recommendations:

That all resolutions and recommendations of the General Executive Board be endorsed by this Society.

That a more general observation of reports from Congregational Societies and Department Secretaries be made.

That the magazine Lutheran Woman's Work, be carefully read and every effort made to meet the requirements of the Magazine Wheel. One to every eight members over last year.

That the Nebraska Special this year be applied to the Girls' School in Japan.

That our Biennual Special be stressed in every way, and a Synodical Chairman be appointed to take charge.

That a Constitution Committee be added to Committees, to be appointed each year.

That we recognize the Fortieth anniversary of Dr. Anna S. Kugler's service in India, by requesting congregations to observe same some time during November.

That we stress in every way, "Midland Assembly for Church Workers," and urge its continuance throughout the coming years. And that a committee be appointed to co-operate with a committee from Synod for the furtherance of such work.

That we request each congregation to see to it that their church and town is named as an aid to the travelers.

That we express our appreciation to Walter Springer and wife, Mary Lowe Springer, for their gift of all our Synodical Stationery and programs for the fall convention.

That we urge the hearty co-operation of the Pastors and members of the Nebraska Synod in Missionary activities of the Women's Missionary Society.

That public Thank Offering meetings be held whenever possible, and that the daily gifts for daily blessings be more generally observed throughout our Synodical bounds.

That By-Law I. Page 138, Minutes of North Platte Convention, containing constitution, shall read, "This Society shall meet annually at such place and time as may be designated from year to year by this body, or the Executive Committee."

That the President-elect, shall be the first delegate to the Biennual Convention.

In closing my work as President of the Nebraska Synodical Society, let me express my appreciation of the interest and co-operation I have received in the work of the past two years, and whatever success has been attained is due largely to your unfailing support. I now return the trust committed to me, and pray God's blessings on my successor, and bespeak for her your hearty co-operation.

(Signed) MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

Statistical Secretary's report read, and motion carried as follows: "That the Statistical Secretary's report be placed in the hands of committee, and delegates whose reports have not been given, be asked to give reports to committee."

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY

We are closing our report for July 31, 1923, with 31 Women's Societies enrolled. We hope the new year will show an increase.

No new Societies have been reported among the Young Women, yet we believe the work is growing.

The Light Brigades now number 15. A new society has just been organized in Fremont Salem Lutheran Church, and at St. Mark's, Omaha. The combined active membership of the three societies amounts to 1,482.

The "Education for Efficiency" is manifested in the increase in the organization of Mission Study Classes and Reading Circles, and the growth in true Christian giving in the numbers who are making Daily Thank Offerings. There are more societies supporting workers in the foreign fields.

Two societies have attained the Standard of Excellence.

Nine others are on the Honor Roll.

North Platte has the honor of reporting two 100 per cent members, and Omaha, Kountze, three on the Mission study Honor Roll.

We urge promptness in sending reports to the Synodical Secretary. A number were too late to be included in report to General Secretary.

Let us be thankful for the past, but more zealous for the future.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) MRS. HOLMES DYSINGER.

Name of Society	Organized	President	Corresponding Secretary	No. Making Daily Thank Offering	Time of Meeting	Public Meetings Held	Standard Attendance of Excellence	Membership						Luchtran Woman's Work	Lutheran Boys and Girls	Value of Boxes	Classes in Mission Study	Inner Missions	Meetings During Week of Prayer
								Total not including Life and Home Dept.	Active	Honorary	Life	Home Department	Memorial						
Allen	1913	Mrs. C. H. Harper	Mrs. Thorton Snyder		Reading Circle with 16			32	30	2			2	25	30	11.00	1		1
Beatrice, Trinity	1892	Mrs. S. K. Stevens	Mrs. C. D. Mumford			2		19	19		2	3		24					
Benedict, Zion	1916	Mrs. E. Bollman	Mrs. E. Harbert	17	Reading Circle	1		17	15	2		4	1	12	36	15.00	2	33.00	3
Benedict, Bethel	1921	Mrs. Augusta Schultz	Mrs. L. P. Loreman					21	16	5				4					
Benson		Mrs. Claus Ramm	Mrs. O. W. Ebright	2	Reading Circle	1		19	18	1	1			19	60	10.00	1		
Dakota City	1891	Mrs. Geo. L. Neibulor	Mrs. Lewis Larson	3				4	3	1	4	1	2	3	1	8.00	1		
Emerson	1920	Mrs. C. C. Childs	Mrs. S. H. Smith	53		1		52	50	2	2	8	1	22	50	128.30	1	130.00	4
Falls City	1917	Mrs. John Detrick	Mrs. Frank Zorn			1	yes		40					14	36	25.00		48.00	
Fremont, Salem	1919	Mrs. Carl Aue	Mrs. D. W. Crouse			1	yes	46	30	16	4	2	1	36	24	105.57	1		1
Grand Island	1921	Mrs. C. B. Harman	Mrs. A. F. Buechler					31	31					14	150	10.00	1		
Hooper	1915	Mrs. R. W. Livers	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	12		1	yes	11	10	1	1	2		11					
Hardy	1913	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson									1		5				40.00	1
Lincoln		Mrs. H. C. Dean	Mrs. G. Prestegaard	4		1		24	21	3	5	12	1	19	60	46.00	1	45.00	1
Nebraska City	1920	Miss Amanda Rodenbrock	Mrs. W. Stein					26	19	7		3		26	30		1	fruit	
North Platte	1904	Mrs. H. S. Johnson	Mrs. Enid Weil	15	3 100% Mem. Read. Circle	1	yes	23	22	1	2	3	1	23	50	65.75	2	90.00	1
Omaha, Kountze M.	1906	Mrs. T. V. Austin	Mrs. M. E. Melick		Read. Cir.; 3 on Hon. Roll	1		97	92	5	32	57	9	78		41.98	1	77.50	
Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	Mrs. O. F. Lindburg	Mrs. R. F. Bowers			1		18	16	2	2			12					
Omaha, Redeemer	1917	Mrs. L. A. Hornburg	Mrs. Wm. Miller			2		47	43	4	1		2	31	50	2.00	1	20	70
Omaha, St. Mark's		Mrs. W. L. Guss	Mrs. Pauline Albach	41	3 Annunity Bonds	1		46	41	5	7	5	4	42		25.00	1	40.00	
Ponca		Mrs. H. Campbell	Mrs. A. A. Marohn					51	50	1	6	42		16	20		1	40.00	
Rising City	1904	Mrs. Wm. Miller	Mrs. L. J. Saylor			1		47	41	6	10		2	45	30	25.00	1	212.75	5
South Sioux	1920	Miss Beatrice Blessing	Mrs. C. E. Armbright					23	23										
Stella		Mrs. A. B. Davison	Mrs. Will Noah					12	12				2	10		10	70		
Tekamah	1880	Mrs. G. E. Hickman	Miss Tillie Swanson		Reading Circle	1	yes	21	18	3	7	12	5	27	23	12.00	3	10.00	3
Walton		Mrs. Harry Francke																	
West Point		Mrs. H. S. Parsons	Mrs. A. L. Krause	15		2		22	22					21					
Wilbur		Mrs. E. Houser	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek			1	yes	18	17	1	1			10		5.00	1	35.00	
Wolback	1919	Mrs. R. A. White																	
York	1921	Mrs. W. H. Newcomer	Miss Carrie Johns					19	19					19	20		1	5.00	
Verdon	1922	Mrs. H. A. Bauer	Mrs. H. Guilliams			1		26	17	9	2			13		30.94		7.50	

Wayne, St. Paul's	1915	Mrs. J. W. Zeigler	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf								12	11		1										
Total	31	Societies		162	Women's	21	6	784	746	76	90	155	33	572	670	571.24	23	834.45	20
Grand Totals for year ending July 31, 1923—28 Young Ladies'						7		153	202	21	5			32		176.00	6	49.00	
Light Brigades						9			643	5	6			5	572	115.00			
						37	6	937	1591	102	101	155	33	609	1242	862.00	29	883.00	20
YOUNG LADIES																			
Emerson	1921	Miss Rena Bonderson	Miss Marie Grove				11	11											
Fremont, Salem		Miss Agnes Lundberg	Miss Clara Lundberg	16	Reading Circle, 1	1	16	16		1				12		3.00		17.39	
Mid. College, E. Hall		Miss Eugenia Krause	Miss Lulu Bonderson			1		34	44						1	67.30	1		
North Platte	1911	Mrs. D. A. Boyer	Miss Fern Breternitz		Reading Circle, 15 Mem.	1	15	10	5	2				7				3	
Omaha, Grace		Miss Irene Carlson	Miss Kath. Jensen			1	21	13	8	1		1			1				
Omaha, Kountze		Miss Bertha Grapengiser	Miss H. Schellberg		Reading Circle, 14 Mem.	1	60	60	5	2		0		11			1		
Omaha, St. Luke's	1922	Miss Olga Jacobson	Miss Anna Madsen	12	Reading Circle, 16 Mem.	1	17	17	1	In Tr.				12		75.00		25.00	
Omaha, St. Mark's	1920	Miss Emma Sasstrom	Miss Ruth Silheimer			1	22	20	2	1							1		
Verdon	1922	Miss Hazel Bauer	Miss Minnie Becker			1	17	11	6							30.94		7.50	
Totals	9			28		8	213	202	27	7		1		43		176.24	26	49.84	
LIGHT BRIGADE						St. of Exc.													
Allen	1915	Mrs. John Lindahl	Marian McDonald		yes Thank Off. boxes, 20			90						30	12.65				
Falls City	1915	Mrs. L. F. Ries	Bernice Steinbrink		yes Thank Off. boxes, 25			39						36	6.00				
Hooper	1921	Mrs. R. W. Livers			yes	1		48						25					
North Platte	1910	Mrs. C. F. Koch	Miss Ruth Turpie		yes Thank Off. boxes, 40	2		46		3				60	5.35				
Kountze, Omaha	1912	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	Dorothy Gary		yees Thank Off. boxes, 75	1		121				1		212	27.63				
Ponca	1923	Miss Ella Sheffel			yes Thank Off. boxes			36						2					
Rising City	1912	Mrs. L. J. Saylor			Thank Off. boxes, 25	1		44	5	1	22			30	11.00				
Tekamah	1921	Mrs. G. E. Hickman			yes Thank Off. boxes, 5	1		27		1				23	4.50				
Oakland	1921	Mrs. S. L. Packwood	Mrs. W. A. Geistler		yes Thank Off. boxes, 14	1		14					5	18	27.07				
West Point	1922	Mrs. W. W. Frankfurt			Thank Off. boxes, 61	1		61						64					
Nebraska City																			
Lincoln	1922	Mrs. Orrin Sturtevant			yes Thank Off. boxes, 43	1		43		1				60	21.25				
Omaha, St. Mark's		Mrs. W. I. Guss			Thank Off. boxes, 25			25											
Fremont, Salem	1923							37											
Wayne	1920	Alma Martin	Mildred Wright					12						12					
Totals	15				333	9		643	5	6	22	1		572	116.76				

Treasurer's report given and referred to Auditing Committee.

TREASURER'S REPORT

With gratitude to our Heavenly Father for continued blessings on our work during the year, I am pleased to bring you this, my final report today.

We should rejoice that our societies have been privileged to contribute increased offerings.

1. Exhibit of Receipts.
2. Exhibit of Disbursements and Recapitulation.

For eighteen years I have tried to faithfully take care of your money and now as I turn over the work to her, whom you will elect as my successor, I bespeak for her your hearty support. Be prompt in sending in reports, but not a head of time.

Use report blanks whenever possible.

Report in dollars and not in decimals.

She should have more and better equipment for her work.

Let us lighten the work that it may not become a burden as our offerings increase.

I thank you for your splendid co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,
ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER,
Treasurer.

Women's Societies	General Fund	Synodical Fees	Synodical Travel Fund	Biennial Convention Expense Fund	Thank Offering	Christmas Offering	May Memorial	Life Membership	In Memoriams	Christian College In Orient	Lenten Self-Denial	Girls' School in Japan	Midland Assembly	Home Mission Box Work at Convention	Lace Industry, India
Allen	3100		300	300	1500	200	200				400	1500	600		
Beatrice	1719	110	145		2070						65		355		
Benedict, Zion	2020	160	160	160	3500	400				700	535	600	500	200	500
Benedict, Bethel	1050			170								850			
Dakota City, Emmanuel	480	40	25	40	886			1000		270	100	150	100	900	
Emerson, St. Luke	6090	520	260	510	9022			2000			2500	2650	1200		1330
Falls City	1690														
Fremont	4505			170	6900	860	420			1000	1030	1200	1200	1000	988
Grand Island	3550	280		280	3540							1000			
Hardy	160			70											
Hooper	1100	100		190	2125			1000			500	500	600		250
Lincoln	2190	210	105	210	2150			1000		4600			500		
Nebraska City	2161	140	05	145	4471							500	150	500	
North Platte	2800	200	100	200	3200	4500				2700	500	1500			
Omaha, Redeemer	5535	120	180		2880	620		1000	2500				1450	200	135
Omaha, First of B'son	1830	160	90	160	4516							100	635		
Omaha, Kountze M.	11300	1100	1150	1100	24300	500		1000	2500	3130	900	7120	2000	500	
Omaha, St. Luke's	1030	120		190								300			
Omaha, St. Mark's	4930	410	200	400	8300	410		2000				4300	1000	200	
Ponca	5970	480	240	500	1408	1000		1000							
Rising City	5700	500	500	205	12800			1000		5000	1900	5000		25	
Stella	1150	110		225	1071										
Tekamah	2420	200		280	4160	570	200				1090	900	200	500	
Walton	630	140	50	140	625										
Wayne	1325	100		100	3000									500	
West Point	2360	100	110	110	4150					1100			1000		
Wilber	2160	216	108	216	7355	500	180			900	1411			500	
Walbach	1070	80		210	900										
Verdon	1980	165	85	80	3094			2000							
York	1424	1424	85		727							200			
Total	83429	7185	3898	6361	118660	9560	1000	13000	5000	19400	10931	28370	11490	7500	3203
Young Women's Soc.															
Emerson	1200	45		90	1070										
Fremont, Salem	1740	160	80	160	4215						566				
Fremont, Mid College	1900				1900										
North Platte	1200			150	1100	200						500			
Omaha, Grace	1470	120		120	984							700			
Omaha, Redeemer					1005										
Omaha, Kountze Mem.	6900			385	10215	786									
Omaha, St. Luke's	2400			200	4438						640	1200	500	500	
Omaha, St. Mark's	1750	210	105	200	3163			1000				1050			
Verdon	1380		60	115	3193										
Total	19940	535	245	1420	31283	986		1000			1206	3540	500	500	
Light Brigades															
Allen	300														155
Emerson	1455				1495										600
Falls City	400														
Hooper	450				900										
Lincoln	1400				1003			1000							435
North Platte	825				1800										320
Oakland	2400			100	835	600						500			
Omaha, Redeemer	135														
Omaha, Kountze Mem.	1833				2709						215	390			919
Omaha, Kuntze, Big S.	2205				2615										
Omaha, St. Mark's	400														
Ponca	770														830
Rising City	1600				1300			1000							745
Tekamah	395				600			1000							
West Point	519				1317										
Wolbach															400
Total	15087			100	14574	600		3000			215	890			4404
Offering at Convention		2160													
For Mrs. A. A. Marohn								1000							
For Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf								1000							
From Mr. E. Kahl								1000							
F. Mrs. & Miss Johnson					400										
Off. at Conference		3123													
Fm. visitors Midland													600		
Assem. for Ch. Wkrs.															
Interes															
Total Mis.		5285			400			3000					600		
Total Women's	83429	7185	3898	6361	118660	9560	1000	13000	5000	19400	10931	28370	11490	7500	3203
Total Young Women's	19940	535	245	1420	34283	986		1000			1206	3540	500	500	
Total Light Brigade	15087			100	14574	600		3000			215	890			4404
Grand Total	118456	13005	4143	7881	164917	11146	1000	20000	5000	19400	12352	32800	12510	8000	7607

Native Worker in Africa	Support Miss. Mette Blair, India	Student in E. V. Day School, Africa	South America Missions	Saskatoon Seminary	Student Volunteer Organ.	Ministerial Relief Fund	Mission Study Class Ex.	"Little Star" Guntur, India	Bible Women, India	Light Brigade Special	Inner Missions	Students in India	Christian Literature for Unchristian Women	Midland College Bldg. Fund	Tabitha Home	Annunity Bonds	Russian Relief	Totals
																		8100
																		4464
																		9435
																		2070
																		3991
																		26082
																		1690
			500	450	500													20723
																		8650
																		230
																		6365
																		10965
																		8072
																		15700
																		14620
																		7491
	80000					1500	600										1100	139800
																		1640
							100									30000		52250
																		10598
		3500							5000				750			50000		93605
																		3306
															1000			11520
																		1585
																		5025
2500														2500				13930
																		13556
																		2260
																		7404
																		3860
2500	80000	3500	500	450	500	1500	700		5000				750	2500	1000	80000	1100	508987
																		2405
																		6921
												6730						10530
																		3150
																		3394
																		1005
											130							18416
																		9968
																		7478
																		4748
											130	6730						68015
																		455
										915								2865
																		400
																		1350
																		3838
																		2945
		2500																6935
																		135
								429										6405
																		4820
																		400
																		1600
																		4645
																		1995
										447								2283
																		400
		2500						429		1367								43161
																		2160
																		1000
																		1000
																		1000
																		400
																		3125
																		600
																31		31
																31		9316
2500	80000	3500	500	450	500	1500	700		5000				750	2500	1000		1100	508987
											130	6730						68015
		2500						429		1362								43161
2500	80000	6000	500	450	500	1500	700	429	5000	1362	130	6730	750	2500	1000	31	1100	629473

	From Synodical Fee Fund	From Synodical Travel Fund.	Midland Assembly	From Funds and to Objects to Which Given	Totals
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. R. M. Badger	$ 4.00				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Holmes Dysinger	2.00				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. R. M. Badger		.16			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. O. L. Sturdevant		.16			
Oct. 11, 1923—To Mrs. A. K. Walborn		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Charles C. Haas		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. W. F. Ottman		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Bowers		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Martha Frank		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. H. S. Johnson		21.80			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. H. C. Fackelman	5.00				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Ellen Guhl		11.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. H. Jurgens		1.48			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Lydia Dern		1.48			
Oct. 11, 1922—Mrs. H. H. Yenny		1.48			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Lulu Bonderson		1.48			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Breternitz		21.80			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Richard Olson		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. C. B. Harman	1.10				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	12.75				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Holmes Dysinger	6.82				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	19.04				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. W. F. Rangeler	4.29				
Oct. 11, 2922—To Mrs. Otto Nelsen		.14			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. C. F. Koch	7.90				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. H. C. Heckt	1.19				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. Anna Muller	3.00				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. G. E. Hickman	4.00				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. O. W. Ebright	10.40				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. L. A. Hamburg	13.25				
Oct. 11, 1922—To Mrs. H. A. Bauer		5.00			
Oct. 11, 1922—To Miss Mathilda Becker					
Sept. 24, 1922—To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Gen. Treas.				800.00	
Oct. 26, 1922—To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Gen. Treas.				494.50	
Dec. 24-26, '22—To Mrs. W. C. Weier, Gen. Treas.				100.00	
Dec., 1922—To Rev. E. Walter				16.20	
Jan. 29, 1923—To Mrs. Walter C. Weier				2,040.00	
Feb. 12, 1923—To. Mrs. Walter C. Weier				27.00	
Apr. 2, 1923—To Mrs. H. Stelk				9.50	
May 2, 1923—To Miss Bertha Koenig	8.00				
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. Walter C. Weier				689.00	
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet			4.00		
Apr. 26, 1923—To 1-3 expense of Dr. D. B. Smith			40.10		
Apr. 26, 1923—To 1-3 expense of Prof. P. Heisey			8.34		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. D. W. Crouse			7.46		
Apr. 26, 1923—To John Petrow			3.00		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Prog'ms			8.00		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Exp. of Mrs. L. D. Robinson			38.00		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. L. A. Hornburg			1.07		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. W. I. Guss			4.00		
Apr. 26, 1923—To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger			5.22		
July 26, 1923—To. Mrs. W. C. Weier, Gn. Treas.				1,248.40	
July 26, 1923—To Chas. W. Pool, Incorp. Tax	3.00				
Totals	$105.74	$71.96	$119.19	$5,904.60	$6,201.49

	Cash on Hand Aug. 1, 1922	Receipts of Year	Totals	Disbursements	Balance	Deficit.
General Fund	$ 25.45	$1,184.56	$1,210.01	$1,165.10	44.91	
				51.57		
Synodical Fee Fund	127.46	130.05	257.51	105.74	100.20	
From Synod Fee	51.57					
Synodical Travel Fund	20.39	41.43	113.39	71.96	41.43	
Biennial Convention Expense Fund	21.40	78.81	100.21	145.40		45.19
Thank Offering	3.64	1,649.17	1,652.81	1,643.00	9.81	
Christmas Offering	.75	111.46	112.21	112.20	.01	
May Memorial	7.52	10.00	17.52	17.00	.52	
Life Membership	10.00	200.00	210.00	210.00		
In Memoriam		50.00	50.00	50.00		
Women's Un. Christian Col. in Orient		194.00	194.00	194.00		
Lenten Self Denial Offering	29.01	123.52	152.53		152.53	
Girls' School in Japan		328.00	328.00	313.90	14.10	
India Lace Industry (Thread)	18.52	76.07	94.59	85.00	9.59	
Christian Literature for Unchristian Women in Foreign Lands		7.50	7.50	7.50		
Bible Women, India	.50	50.00	50.50	50.00	.50	
Support of Miss Mette Blair, Mission		800.00	800.00	800.00		
"Little Star," Guntur, India		4.29	4.29	4.00	.29	
Students in India		67.30	67.30	65.00	2.30	
Students in E. V. Day Girls' Sch'l, Af.	.85	60.00	60.85	60.00	.85	
Native Worker in Africa		25.00	25.00	25.00		
Home Mission Box Work at Convention		80.00	80.00	80.00		
Midland Assembly		125.90	125.90	119.19	6.71	
Midland College Building Fund		25.00	25.00		25.00	
Annuity Bonds		800.00	800.00	800.00		
South American Missions		500.	5.00	5.00		
Saskaton Seminary		4.50	4.50	4.50		
Student Volunteer Organization		5.00	5.00	5.00		
Ministerial Relief		15.00	15.00	15.00		
Russian Relief		11.00	11.00	11.00		
Mission Study Class Extension	4.05	7.00	11.05		11.05	
Tabitha Home		10.00	10.00	10.00		
Silver Anniversary Fund	6.15	.31	6.46		6.46	
For Printing Life Membership Blanks	2.00		2.00		2.00	
Churches in Africa	.66		.66		.66	
European Construction Work	.20		.20		.20	
Foreign Missions	13.00		13.00	13.00		
Light Brigade Special		13.62	13.62	13.00	.62	
Inner Missions		1.30	1.30	1.00	.30	
	$343.12		$6,637.91	$6,253.06		
Added Twice	51.57		51.57	51.57		
Totals	$291.55	$6,294.79	$6,586.34	$6,201.49	$430.04	$384.85

Report of Executive Committee read and accepted.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Miss Mabel Brazda, who was elected Recording Secretary at the convention last fall, leaves no record of work except the two Executive Committee meetings. One held October 11, 1922, for the purpose of appointing Department Secretaries and other necessary committees. Five officers were present at this meeting.

May 2 an Executive Committee meeting was held at the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, the following day after Conference, with all officers with the exception of the first Vice President, present, and Mrs. Geo. H. Haase and Miss Bertha Keonig, present as advisory visitors. Plans for the fall convention were made.

Miss Brazda leaving for the Baltimore Motherhouse for a year of training for Christian Workers, the work was given to me, having been appointed last fall as Assistant Recording Secretary, and since then not many notices have been sent, with the exception of the letter by the President, which included a reuest by the Secretary, and also a mimeograph copy of the programs and credential cards, thus saving on postage and programs.

Last May, as Corresponding Secretary for the Omaha Missionary Federation, I was authorized by the President to send notices of the Midland Assembly for Church Workers, to all members of the Federation, expense to be borne by the Synodical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. A. HORNBURG,

Recording Secretary by Appointment.

Report of Historian accepted with one correction.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Scarcely can we realize that another year has passed since we met at the Forty-second annual convention held at Ponca, Nebr. The fact that we have been spared, should remind us that God has yet work for us to do.

As my official duty, questionnaires to each society were sent, but owing to the fact that few were returned, my report is not complete. All but one society reported using literature suggested by Headquarters.

I find a number of societies held pupils' Thank Offering services, and nearly all report a Thank Offering. A goodly number report Mission Study Classes. Special offerings, and programs have been given for various objects.

Visits made by returned missionaries and other workers as follows: Rev. Harry Dickey, Mrs. Anna Mueller, Rev. Paul Machetzke, Rev. J. P. Neilsen, Rev. S. O. Thorlaksson, Miss Mabel Dysinger, Sister

Laura Gilliland, Miss Bertha Keonig, Dr. Betty Nilsson, Miss Jessie Thomas, and Mrs. S. R. Kepner.

A number of societies report selling India lace.

North Platte Conference was held at Benson, May 2.

South Platte Conference did not report to me.

Memorial members reported, one each: Kountze, St. Luke's, Emerson, First English, Benson, and one Light Brigade member memoralized.

Life members, Kountze Memorial, Redeemer, Omaha.

Mrs. W. W. Mikesell, Salem Lutheran Church, Ponca, president and secretary of society at different times, and church choir leader for many years, died September 4, 1923.

I shall add to the Historian collection, one year's copies of Lutheran Women's Work; one copy of minutes of last convention and program; one program and literature of the Midland Assembly for Church Workers, at Fremont last June; one reading circle book, "The Vangard of a Race;" one program packet and leaflets for year, 1922-23, the first two copies issued of Nebraska Synodical Lutheran, programs and literature of North Platte Conference; one copy Mission Study book, "Lighted to Lighten;" one copy of "India on the March," and one copy of "The Trend of the Races."

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. C. HECKT.

Carried that these reports be adopted and placed in the hands of the proper committees.

Life and In Memoriam Secretary reported. Accepted.

REPORT OF LIFE AND IN MEMORIAM DEPARTMENT

During March and July, 1923, the department secretary sent circular letters and department literature to forty-six Women's Young Ladies and Light Brigade Societies listed in the Synodical minutes of 1923.

From July 31, 1922, to July 31, 1923, there were received in the Women's Societies seventeen Life and one In Memmoriam member. The Young Ladies' Societies reported one Life member and the Light Brigades reported three Life members, making a total of twenty-one Life members and one In Memoriam, thereby adding $235 through this department to the general fund.

Do we realize that without this department's funds, the General Society would not be able to meet their pledged obligations?

Therefore do not regard this as a special or extra money raising effort, but rather make it a rule to have your society take out NOT LESS than one membership a year.

The president of each local society should appoint some person whose business it shall be to present this department's needs at regular

meetings, and to care for all its correspondence. Please notify the Synodical Secretary of this appointment and be sure and report all names of Life and In-Memoriam Memberships to her, at the time they are taken out.

Read folders carefully, follow the rules closely and many mistakes will be avoided.

To all Societies who have complied with these requests and who have cheerfully and promptly answered letters I wish to say: "Thank you most kindly, you have helped wonderfully." To the other societies I will say: "Will you not strive to be among that number next year?"

Your department secretary has made a permanent and complete "Honor Roll" book. Each Society has a permanent place in it. How many names are listed in your "Honor Roll?" The book will be at all Synodical meetings please examine it. To date we have reported 126 Life Members and 37 In-Memoriams.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. GEORGE H. HAASE,

Synodical Life and In-Memoriam Sec.

Reports read, Young Women, Box Work, Light Brigade and Student and Home.

YOUNG WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT
SECRETARY'S REPORT, 1922-1923

There has been practically nothing accomplished in this Department during the past year, and it is with regret that this report is presented. Last year we took as the goal of the Young Women's Department: "A Young Women's Society in Every Congregation That Has a Women's Society." A letter was sent by the Secretary to every Women's Society in the Synod where there was no Young Women's Society, asking for their co-operation in an attempt to organize young women's Societies. Replies were received from only two societies. It is absolutely impossible for a Secretary to organize new societies without the co-operation of the Women's Societies.

Your Secretary must admit that the work was not carried on as it should have been during the past year, due, in part, to a three months' absence from Omaha. However, we are very pleased to report the organization of one new society, the Young Women's Missionary Society of Salem Church, Fremont, which makes a total of twelve Young Women's Societies in this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. R. JENSEN,

October 6, 1923. Secretary.

REPORT OF SECRETARY ON BOX WORK

We have enjoyed another year of countless blessings; have we measured up in giving?

RISING CITY—Convention box work	$ 25.00
Tabitha Building fund	50.00
Tabitha fruit and vegetables	150.00
Allertown Home	10.00
American Tract Society	10.00
Christian College of the Orient	50 00
Light Brigade; dresses for Miss Koenig's girls	11.00
Total	$306.00
TEKAMAH—Convention box work	$ 5.00
Tabitha, fruit, vegetables and cookies	87.32
Total	$ 92.32
LINCOLN—Dolls to India	$ 2.40
India lace	6.85
Dresses for Miss Koenig's girls	12.00
Total	$ 21.25
NORTH PLATTE—Cash for Tabitha	$ 45.00
Fruit for Tabitha	45.00
Light Grigade, India lace	5.35
Total	$ 95.35
FALLS CITY—Home Missions	$ 42.00
Foreign Missions	24.00
Total	$ 66.00
BEATRICE—Toweling for Tabitha	$ 2.50
FREMONT—Mabel Dysinger, Africa	$ 30.00
India lace	9.88
Christian Colleges of the Orient	9.00
South America	5.00
Midland School of Missions	12.00
Student Volunteer work	5.00
Saskatoon fund	4.50
Convention box work	10.00
Church Building	8.89
Young Ladies: Foreign Missions	3.00
Tabitha	17.39
Young Ladies of Midland College; Bible teachers to India	67.30
Total	$182.96

BENDICT ZION—Convention box work	$ 2.00
Fruit and cakes for Tabitha	33.00
Midland College	5.00
Christian Colleges of Orient	7.00
Saskatoon College	1.00
Girls' School in Japan	6.00
India lace	5.00
Midland Assembly for Church Workers	5.00
Total	$ 64.00
OMAHA, ST. MARK'S—Lnner Missions	$ 38.00
Home Missions	5.00
Total	$ 43.00
OMAHA, CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER—Convention box work	$ 2.00
Midland Assembly	14.50
Tabitha Home	6.20
Total	$ 22.70
OMAHA, KOUNTZE MEMORIAL—Tabitha fruit and cash	$ 77.50
Midland College	2.50
Ministerial Relief	15.00
Mission Study Extension	6.00
Midland Assembly	20.00
Xmas and New Year gift to Metta Blair	7.42
Russian Relief	11.00
Girls' School in Japan	95.20
Poultry fence	16.50
Colleges of Orient	31.30
German Relief	4.00
Japan relief	4.00
Clothing for Germany	850.00
Total	$1,140.42
WILBER—Convention box work	$ 5.00
Midland	10.00
Tabitha box	25.00
Girls' School in Japan	9.00
Christian Colleges of the Orient	10.00
Total	$ 59.00

This shows a very substantial increase over last year's box work and I feel many societies have done box work that have not reported.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK.

REPORT OF LIGHT BRIGADE SUPERINTENDENT

We are only able to report fifteen Light Brigade Societies in the Synod this year. It seems there are always some who disband because of lack of leadership. There would be more new societies to report if only leaders were available. We are thankful, though, that only one society disbanded this year. That was Wayne.

The number of our societies have not grown so very much this year but the old ones surely have done splendid work.

We now have 660 members in the Light Brigade. There are 235 Little Lights, 176 Lamplighters and 249 Torchbearers.

The contributions have been specified as follows: General fund, $166.70; Little Lights' Boxes, $74.23; Kintergarten Thank Offering Boxes, $142.38. Special objects which include Little Star, School in Japan, mission work in general and Life membership, $82.34. Cash for lace industry of India, $47.04. Making a total of cash donations of $512.69. There were 875 spools of thread sent to India; 25 dresses for Miss Koenig's girls in Africa; 25 muslin dolls sent to India.

Ten societies report the use of Thank Offering Boxes. Thirteen use monthly programs as suggested in Lutheran Women's Work.

The new societies we have to report for this year are Fremont, Ponca, Omaha, St. Mark's and Emerson.

Seven societies have been placed on the Honor Roll for having obtained ten or more points on standard of Excellence, they are Lincoln, North Platte, Omaha, Kountze, West Point, Tekamah, Allen and Rising City.

Let's all put our shoulder to the wheel this next year and see if we can't make the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska prominent in church circles for its large and active Light Brigade.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ORRIN STURTEVANT.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL STUDENT SECRETARY

At the request of Miss Markley, I sent out in September memorandum blanks and instructions to all the congregations of our Synod. From those replying, I report 76 men and 76 women students. Of those, 69 are attending our denominational institutions. Twelve young men are interested in the ministry; two young ladies in foreign mission work, and a third will this year finish at Immanuel Deaconness Institute as a parish Sister.

Twelve congregations have not replied, thus making both our report and list incomplete. We shall urge the delinquent reports so that a complete file may be furnished our General Secretary.

Rspectfully submitted,

MRS. RALPH W. LIVERS.

REPORT OF HOME DEPARTMENT, 1922-1923

City, Name of Church	No. Home Dept. Members.	No. Womans Work	Weekly Readings	Contributions
Benedict, Zion	4	....	4	.....
Fremont	2	....	....	.....
Hooper, Grace	1	....	....	.....
Lincoln, Grace	12	12	....	$ 2.00
Nebraska City, First	8	19	....	.....
North Platte, First	8	6	....	8.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	6	6	....	8.50
Tekamah, Immanuel	12	6	10	.....
	52	52	14	$18.50

Twenty-nine letters were sent out and replies were received from but ten societies. Out of this number two societies report no home departments, Kountze Memorial, Church of Our Redeemer, Fremont and Emerson all have home departments, but sent no report. Church of Our Redeemer just recently organized their home department.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN PETRING,

Congregation stood in prayer for Mrs. C. B. Harman, and Mrs. L. J. Saylor, absent on account of illness.

Mrs. George H. Haase, presented with Life and in Memorium shower of 37 Life Members and one Memorial. Doxology sung.

Literature Secretary reported. Accepted.

REPORT OF LITERATURE SECRETARY

Your Secretary of Literature begs to submit the following report:

During the year one circular letter with leaflets enclosed was sent each society. At the time of the North Platte Conference each society there represented, was written in rgard to their Literature Problems. Am sorry to say that few replied.

Several letters of inquiry were answered and thirty orders have been sent to Literature Headquarters.

Rport of Sales from October, 1922, to October, 1923:

Received cash for sales at Ponca	$ 51.14
Received cash for sales during the year	47.69
Received cash for sales at North Platte Conference	8.12
Received cash for sales at Midland Assembly	20.70
Received charge orders	32.85
Total	$160.50
Cash sent to Literature Headquarters	$106.95

Charge orders sent to Literature Headquarters	32.85
Cash from Midland Assembly to Headquarters	20.70
Total	$160.50

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. A. K. WALBORN.

Nominating Committee reported. Accepted.

Nominated Officers

President—Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Tekamah.

First Vice President—Mrs. C. F. Koch, 311 West 5th St., North Platte.

Second Vice President—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, 1112 So. 11th St., Omaha.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, 1742 So. 27th St., Omaha.

Statistical Secretary—Mrs. E. E. Shimonek, Wilbur.

Trasurer—Mrs. O. A. Keyser, 1717 North Union St., Fremont.

Historian—Mrs. H. E. Heckt, Allen.

Trustees

Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, 3 years, 1926.
Mrs. W. I. Guss, 3 years, 1926.
Mrs. A. K. Walborn, 2 years, 1925.
Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, 1 year, 1924.
Mrs. M. D. Willert, 2 years, 1924.

Delegates to Biennial Convention, 1924

Delegates	Alternates
Mrs. G. E. Hickman.	Mrs. L. A. Hornburg.
Mrs. C. F. Koch.	Mrs. R. W. Livers.
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.	Mrs. G. H. Haase.

Respectfully and prayerfully submitted,
MRS. F. J. WEERTZ,
Chairman.

Mrs. W. I. Guss cast unanimous ballot for Officers. Carried.

Secretary cast ballot for Trustees. Carried.

Delegates to Biennial convention elected with motion.

"I move that the Secretary cast the unanimous vote of this convention for the Delegates and their alternates as named by the Nominating Committee, with the understanding that if not allowed three (3) delegates, the third withdraw." Carried.

Benediction. Dr. Bauslin.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Communion Service with Synod.

Light Brigade demonstration, Emerson.

Secretaries reported or read as follows: Annuity, Deaconess, Standard of Excellence, India Lace, West Indies, Mission Study and Conference Committees.

REPORT OF THE ANNUITY SECRETARY.

The past year has been a banner year for this department of our work. We are now reaping what others have sown. Our Nebraska Societies are beginning to realize the importance and blessedness of this part of our missionary activity.

Through our faithful Society at Rising City we received one $500.00 bond, this bond being taken by Mrs. Curry of Garrison, Nebraska. Mrs. Curry had previously taken a $100.000 bond. Three $100.000 bonds were taken by the following friends: Mrs. Rosa Woodworth of Omaha; Mrs. Minnie M. Wilhelmy of Omaha; Winifred Wilhelmy of Omaha. Credit for obtaining these bonds should be given to Mrs. W. I. Guss of St. Mark's Church, Omaha.

May I suggest that each society appoint an Annuity Secretary whose duty it shall be to present this work at least once every quarter. Unless our people are informed they will not be interested in this phase of our work. Only those who are interested will give.

Kindly take this report and the attached leaflets along with you and give them to the secretary of your society to be read.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. F. KRUEGER,
Annuity Secretary.

REPORT OF THE DEACONESS SECRETARY

During the last year letters were sent to all Societies.

This is a new work in most churches, but if properly undertaken, will solve many of our problems, as to workers both in the Home and Foreign fields.

Wilber—A secretary appointed for the work.

Allen—Interested, but no secretary appointed as yet.

Fremont—A secretary appointed.

Beatrice—No pastor, so no secretary.

Kountze Memorial—Secretary for two years, no candidates, but interest aroused in the work.

Redeemer, Omaha—Secretary appointed but no result as yet.

Let us pray that all of the societies will derive benefit from this work and candidates will feel the call.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. W. MUNSON.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Pastorate	1 Increase	2 M. S. Class	3 Av. Att. ½ Men	4 Sub. to Mag. Equal Men	5 Circ. of Lit.	6 Light Brigade	7 Del. to Conf. and Conv.	8 G. T. S. Funds	9 Specials	10 Increase Thanks Off.	11 Prompt Answers	12 M. Program Each Mo.
1 Allen		0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2 Beatrice			0	0			0	0	0	0	0	0
3 Benedict, Zion		0	0		0		0	0	0			0
4 Benson	0	0	0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0
5 Dakota City			0	0			0	0	0		0	0
6 Emerson	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0		0	0
7 Fremont, S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 Midland												
9 Grand Island	0		0				0	0		0	0	0
10 Hooper	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0
11 Lincoln	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
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14 Omaha, Grace												
15 Omaha, Redeemer	0	0	0		0		0	0		0	0	0
16 Omaha, Kountze M.		0			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
17 Omaha, St. Luke's			0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0
18 Omaha, St. Mark's	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
19 Ponca	0	0	0		0	0	0	0		0	0	0
20 Rising City		0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21 Tekamah		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
22 Verdon	0		0	0	0		0	0		0	0	0
23 West Point			0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0
24 Wilbur	0	0	0		0		0	0	0	0	0	0
25 Walbach						0		0				

HONOR ROLL—North Platte, 100%; Fremont, 100%; Tekamah, Lincoln, Allen, Hooper, Benson, Omaha, St. M.; Ponca, Wilbur, Rising City, Emerson.

YOUNG WOMEN

	1 100% Only Prayer	2 20% Increase	3 12 M. Lessons	4 1 Public Meeting	5 5% Leading Prayer	6 10c a mo. Dues	7 M. S. Class	8 Del. to S. S. of M.	9 Semi. An. to Sec.	10 Quarterly to Treas.	11 Del. to Convention	12 Thank Offering	13 Xmas Offering	14 Lenten Offering	15 Inner M. Offering	16 H. F. or I. Box Work	17 5 L. A. or J. Schools	18 10 L. A. J. Miss.	19 Net Inc. Gifts	20 Rotation of Officers	Total
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LIGHT BRIGADE

	1 Three Divisions	2 Reg. Quar. Off.	3 Increase Mem.	4 Ave. Att. Equal ½ Mem.	5 Thank Off. Boxes	6 1 Public Meeting	7 Light Brigade Topics	8 Annual Report	9 Letters Ans. Promptly	10 1 Life Member	11 Luth. Boys and Girls	12 Del. to Convention
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HONOR ROLL — Lincoln, 100%; North Platte, Rising City, Tekamah, Omaha, K. M.; Oakland, St. P. and Allen.

REPORT OF THE INDIA LACE SECRETARY

Allen, Mrs. Heckt	$ 11.30
Benedict, Mrs. Bollman	19.83
Convention sales, October, 1922	68.46
Emerson, Mrs. Hanson	107.25
Fremont, Mrs. Kemper	8.90
Grand Island, Mrs. Harman	
Lincoln, Mrs. Dean	46.30
North Platte, Mrs. Koch	23.75
Kountze Memorial, Mrs. Butler	50.78
St. Luke's, Mrs. Betcke	55.00
St. Mark's, Omaha, Mrs. Haas	55.00
Church of Our Redeemer, Omaha, Mrs. Fair	64.69
Ponca, A. A. Marohn	8.50
Rising City, Mrs. Loudenslager	33.45
Stella, Mrs. Curtis	45.47
Tekamah, Mrs. Hickman	79.01
Wayne, Mrs. Fetternolf	53.60
West Point, Mrs. Krause	42.10
Kountze Young Ladies', Miss Grapengeiser	22.90

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JOHN S. HERD.

REPORT OF THE WEST INDIES LACE SECRETARY

This is the newest appointive office in our Synodical work.

A consignment of lace from the West Indies was on exhibition and offered for sale at our conference in May, at the First Church in Benson. The total amount sold was $45.80.

All local missionary societies should place orders through the Synodical Secretary for West Indies products.

These products, purchased from the poor people to assist them in making a living, consists of drawn work, laces of various kinds, baskets, table mats, fans and other curios woven out of palms. Wooden knives and forks, strands of beads, and other souvenirs made of the brilliant, hard seeds common to the tropics.

Articles not sold can be returned to the State Secretary.

All checks should be made payable to the State Secretary. This is to eliminate correspondence of the various societies to headquarters at Philadelphia.

Our Women's Missionary Societies of the United Lutheran Church, of which our Synodical Society is a part, does definite work in these islands. Such as support of Miss Sophie Probst, kindergarten work, Porto Rico.

In the Virgin Islands, assistance to the extent of $1,500.00 a year. Also, work done by our Missionary, Miss Nana Schoen, in the orphanage on the Island of St. Croix.

Let us work and pray together that all our great Missionary interests will prosper.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. I. GUSS,
West Indies Lace Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY

During the past year, your secretary has sent out three circular letters, and many tracts to every society and pastor in the Synod. Besides this she has written a number of personal letters endeavoring to answer questions asked.

In accordance with the plans of Mrs. Wiles, the General Secretary, I have particularly stressed the Missionary Education Honor Roll. As is usually the case with all new plans, some confusion results at first. We hope that next year there will be a better understanding of the plan. At any rate, let us all continue to have our mission study and reading circles with more enthusiasm than ever.

From the reports which have been returned to me, I find that 22 societies conducted 29 classes and reading circles with a total of 386 members enrolled. The Synodical Society has twenty-three women taking the reading course, eleven women attended the summer school of missions, ten read missionary book to a child, thirteen are comrades of the "quiet hour," and twenty-two are tithers. There are six women in our Synodical society who made one hundred per cent, or every point in the Honor Roll. We are proud of those six women. May we have many more next year!

Because our Synodical Society had forty per cent or more of the congregational societies having classes or circles, we are now a Blue Star Society.

Those societies reporting classes or circles are: Omaha, Kountze Memorial, St. Mark's Women, St. Mark's Young People, Kountze Young People; Lincoln, Nebraska City, Wilber, York, Church of the Redeemer, Tekamah; Salem (Fremont), Midland College, Rising City, Benedict Zion (two), Dakota City, Ponca, Allen (two), Hooper (two), Emerson, Benson, North Platte Women's (two), North Platte Young Peoples' (three). West Point reported one comrade of the "quiet hour," and two tithers, but no class or circle. Many of the other societies mentioned also reported women attaining other points on the Honor Roll. The above societies have shown by their reports that they are doing extra work along the lines of missionary education.

The theme of our foreign study next year will be Japan, and that of the home study, the child and America's future. The text books are all listed in "Guide Posts to Mission Study for 1923 and 1924." You have your choice of several. These studies promise to be thought-provoking and inspirational.

Our aims for next year are: 1. Nebraska a "Gold Star" society (by having sixty per cent or more of the congregational societies having either a mission study class or reading circle). 2. Many Nebraska women on the honor roll.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. FRANKLIN KOCH, Mission Study Secretary.

REPORT OF THE NORTH PLATTE CONFERENCE

There are 23 congregations in the North Platte Conference. Grand Island and North Platte are in the Western Conference, but have been included in this conference.

Of the 25 congregations thus included, 8 have no women's Societies. Salem, Dakota City, Oakland, Leigh, Creston, Chalco, Elkhorn, Omaha, Grace and Homer.

Eighteen have no Young Women's: Allen, Benson, Dakota City, Grand Island, Hooper, Omaha, Redeemer; Ponca, South Sioux, Tekamah, Wayne, West Point, Oakland, Leigh, Creston, Chalco, Elkhorn, Dakota-Salem and Homer.

Fourteen have no Light Brigade, Benson, Dakota City, Emerson, Grand Island, Omaha, St. Mark's; Grace, Dakota-Salem, Fremont, South Sioux, Leigh, Creston, Chalco, Elkhorn and Homer.

Dr. Koolen reports an organization at Creston meeting once a month, using missionary topics but not ready to join Synodical society yet. He also reports an organization at Leigh, meeting once a month, using uniform topics, but conducted in German. It helps to support Tabetha and to pay the apportionment, but does not mention dues.

Our plan for stimulating interest in the organizations have been: (1) Dissemination of literature. (2) Impetus of Conference meeting. (3) Inspiration from returned Missionaries. (4) Personal work.

To arouse interest in meetings, try the following:

A news day in which the members tell what they found in the Lutheran and Missionary magazine.

A parliamentary drill.

A Hymn memorizing day.

An evening meeting with slides, inviting visitors.

A Map Day.

Scripture day. Members repeat verses that have proven helpful.

Other special programs such as pageants and Free Will Offering Teas.

The exchange of leaders with other societies.

Activity in box work and inner mission work.

The hardest problem confronting us today is not converting the heathen, but converting ourselves.

As we go forth into another year, let us bear in mind that we may command,command what we will but we must give what we command.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. O. W. EBRIGHT, Chairman.

REPORT OF THE SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE

Conference held at Wilbur, May 15-16.

Motion passed to hold Women's Conference with the Men's Conference next year.

Church at Stamford reported a Women's Missionary Society organized in January with 12 subscribers to Lutheran Women's Work.

No Young Women's or Light Brigade Societies reported.

MRS. C. H. DEAN,
MRS. E. BOLLMAN,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

Minutes

Paper, "Our Possibilities," by Mrs. C. D. Mumford of Beatrice, read by Mrs. R. E. Rangeler.

Progressive Conference of Department Secretaries.

Benediction. Rev. George Mortenson.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Devotions. Mrs. C. F. Koch.

Minutes of Tuesday's sessions read and approved.

Credential committee reported and adopted with recommendation which was carried. "On motion that at the opening of Convention, the Credential committee (known otherwise as a reception committee) receive all credentials in vestibule or reception hall, and report all delegates on floor of Convention."

Report of Midland Assembly for Church Workers and recommendation. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE MIDLAND ASSEMBLY FOR CHURCH WORKER

The first year of the "Midland Assembly for Church Workers" came to an end with very gratifying results to all of the Committee in charge.

The attendance equaled the attendance at the Dixon, Illinois, assembly in 1922, during the stay of the one reporting.

The finances were contributed through the various Missionary Societies, making it possible to finish the year with a balance for the starting of the work in the future.

It was impossible to obtain all Lutheran Instructors in the various phases of the work, on account of the lateness of beginning the work, but the Lutheran Leader, Dr. D. Burt Smith, Bible work is not to be excelled.

Mrs. Lida D. Robinson, religious instructor of the First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, is widely known for her efficient work as "Mission Study" teacher of leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. D. W. CROUSE,
Chairman;
MRS. W. I. GUSS,
MRS. L. A. HORNBURG,
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER,
MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET.

Recommendations

First. That if suitable, we endeavor to have "The Midland Assembly for Church Workers" convene just after the Midland College Commencement for the year 1924, and that the extent of time be from 8 days to two weeks, as may seem advisable.

Second. That we endeavor to secure the services of the following workers:

Dr. Patterson, for Bible Hour.

Dr. Wiles, for Sunday School Work.

Mrs. Wiles, for Missions and Sunday School Work.

Mrs. Cronk, to teach one text, and have charge of the work for the children.

Miss Markley, for Young People and Students' Work.

Dean Shatzer, for Stewardship.

Mrs. Newcomer of Carthage, to teach the other text.

Some of our own girls for playground and songs (for children). Misses Larson, Bonderson, Eugenia Krause.

Prof. T. Amos Jones to lead the devotional singing.

Third. That we endeavor to co-operate with Kansas Synod in time of sessions and workers, thus dividing traveling expenses so as to economize on cost of both assemblies.

(A copy of this is being sent to Kansas).

Note—Correspondence and conferences have already been carried on with most or all of the above workers. These letters will be collected and turned over to the new committee.

Greeting from Midland College, by Mr. O. A. Keyser.

Report of the committee on Last Year's Minutes and Protocol, adopted seriatim.

Synodical Special to be used for the coming year for the Girls' School in Japan.

Page 68—Motion as follows: "On motion the books of this Organization be audited by a competent accountant or by two men of Synod, the same to be appointed by the President."

Page 68—Moved that this Convention bond their Treasurer to the amount of $2,000 in an authorized Bonding Company, and that the Statistical Secretary hold same.

Rising vote of thanks to Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger for her 18 years of faithful service.

Report adopted as a whole, with rising vote of thanks to committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S MINUTES AND PROTOCOL

The names of Mrs. Holmes Dysinger, Statistical Secretary, and Mrs. C. B. Harman, Thank Offering Secretary, are omitted from the Directory Page. Also incorrect addresses and some incorrect initials are given.

Pages numbered, are from printed minutes.

Page 68—Treasurer gave report and also report of the Auditing Committee. Exhibit 3-3A 3B 3C. The records do not show when or by whom this committee was appointed. Does the Constitution require that an Auditing Committee be appointed? If so, by whom and when? The Treasurer's original report is omitted from the protocol. By-law VIII requires that our Treasurer shall be bonded. We find no reference to this in the Minutes or the Proctocol. Has the Treasurer given bond, if so, who holds the bond?

Page 69—The word "approved" is omitted from both the Minutes and Protocol.

Page 72—Motion made that the letters of "Miss Metta Blair and Miss Selma Anderson be sent as a Round Robin to all societies." Has this been done?

Page 80—Mention made of Mission Exhibit ordered by President. Exhibit did not materialize.

The last three (3) paragraphs of "General Actions" in President's address omitted in the Minutes.

Page 80—Recommendation to our Synodical Special, see minutes of 1921, page 106. What is to be done in this matter?

Page 80—Recommendation No. 3. This should receive the attention of this Convention.

Page 81—Recommendation No. 4. How is this to be settled definitely?

Page 81—Recommendation No. 6. What success has been attained in the 50% increase in our subscriptions to the Lutheran Women's Work.

Page 83—The word "Ponca" should be "Wayne."

Page 87—The word "Parn" should be "Paru."

We find that some figures in the Statistical Secretary's report, the Treasurer's report and Box Work Secretary's report do not correspond.

The omission of the name, Mrs. W. I. Guss, delegate to the biennial convention, and her written report as received, are omitted both from the minutes and the protocol.

The cut of the charts of the Standard of Excellence Secretary are with the cuts of the Treasurer of Synod in their minutes.

MRS. W. I. GUSS,
MRS. L. A. HORNBURG.

Report of delegates, "Successes and Perplexities" under direction of Mrs. R. L. Patterson.

Closed with prayer by Mrs. R. L. Patterson.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Devotions. Mrs. C. F. Koch.

Report of Light Brigade Delegates.

Greetings from General Secretaries, and others.

Report of Auditing Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

October 8, 1922. Balance on hand	$ 291 55
Total receipts	6,294 79
	$6,586.34
Less total disbursements	$6.201 49
October 10, 1923. Balance on hand	$ 384.85

To the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska Synod:

I hereby certify that the books and vouchers of Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger. Treasurer, have been audited by me, and found to be correct to the best of my knowledge.

C. C. CHILDS.

Installation of Officers to be at the evening service of Synod, by Dr. W. F. Rangeler.

Report of the Committee on President's and Officers' reports adopted seriatim, then adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S AND OFFICERS' REPORTS

Your committee begs to submit the following:

Especially do we wish to thank our worthy and efficient President, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, for her untiring efforts for the good of our Synodical body, for the splendid work accomplished during her encumbancy and for her inspiring address at this convention.

We heartily endorse all recommendations.

We have examined and corrected the reports of Statistical Secretary and Historian, also the Recording Secretary, and wish to express our appreciation to these officers for carrying on this important work the past year.

Shall we not thank God, that he has made possible the advancement of His Kingdom through these faithful officers of Nebraska Synodical Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. E. HICKMAN,
MRS. M. A. MOSTERT,
MISS MARVEL SMITH.

Claims report adopted.

The Committee on Claims present the following:

Mrs. H. C. Heckt, Historian	$ 2.50
Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Standard of Excellence	2.00
Mrs. C. F. Koch, Mission Study	5.00
Mrs. E. E. Shinmonek, Box Work	.90
Mrs. A. K. Walborn, Literature	5.43
Mrs. O. Sturtevant, Light Brigade	3.30
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Treasurer	16.70
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, President	16.46
Mrs. O. W. Ebright, Chairman of North Platte Committee	7.25
Mrs. George H. Haase, Life and In Memorium	5.00
Mrs. Holmes Dysinger, Statistician	3.50
Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, Secretary	9.70
Total	$77.74

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. BLECKER,
MRS. J. HANSEN,
MISS HELEN PETERSON.

Report of the Pooling Committee. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE POOLING COMMITTEE

The committee on pooling railway expenses of delegates find an average of $8.64, and six delegates entitled to payments of fund amounting to $45.54.

We find the Synodical Travel Fund lacks $4.11 of paying this sum.

We recommend this sum be taken from the Synodical Fee Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER,
MRS. C. F. KOCH.

Report of the Committee on Box Work and Literature, adopted with the allowance of the figures of the convention box work to be added.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LITERATURE AND BOX WORK

We find a correct record of amounts has been kept by our secretaries, and we commend them for the good work they have accomplished this year.

We commend each of our local societies for the liberal donations to the various objects.

We would recommend that the literature committee see to it that the literature is placed in the hands of every congregational society, also that we make a special effort to increase our subscriptions to the

Lutheran Woman's Work, the goal being at least one new subscriber for every 8 present subscriptions.

Box Work money taken at Convention for the Stereopticon for Rev. James Raun of India, $104.50. For the chicken fence for Miss Bertha Koenig, $35.50. Total, $140.00.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY SPERR,
MRS. IDA M. KING.

Convention Box Work conducted by Mrs. E. E. Shimonek.

Appreciation of the years of service of Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, by a Life Membership and India Lace piece.

Map talk conducted by Mrs. L. A. Hornburg.

Solo, Mrs. V. R. Emerson.

Life Membership presented to Mrs. R. E. Rangeler.

"Our Japanese Work," Mrs. J. Lindahl.

Regular order set aside to take up matter of meeting. Motion carried as follows: "I move that the next annual convention of the Nebraska Synodical Society meet separately from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska." Rising vote carried, 26 for separate meeting, 10 against. Followed by a unanimous vote for separate meeting.

Invitation accepted from the Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, with motion carried, "that time be left to the decision of the Executive Committee.'

Report of Committee on Department Secretaries. Adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES

We beg to submit the following report:

Mission Study—An increase in Mission Study. Six women gaining every point, gaining a blue star. Let us strive to make the Gold Star next year.

Thank Offering—We find an increase in Thank Offering which is very gratifying.

Life and In Memorium—We are thankful for the interest in this department.

Lace Industry—A good many societies report participating in this work, and also the West Indies.

Light Brigade—We note that 2 new societies have been organized, making a total of 15.

Home Department—Last year 122 members were reported in this department, this year only 56. Secretary explains all did not report.

Standard of Excellence—We heartily commend the splendid work of the North Platte Society, in placing Nebraska on the Honor Roll at the

Biennial Convention. We recommend that only the chart of this department be included in the printed minutes. We also commend the Light Brigade in placing 7 societies on the Honor Roll.

Young Women's—We regret so little was accomplished in this department.

Deaconess—Interest is being shown, which is very gratifying.

MRS. LAURA TROTH,
MISS ELLA SCHEFFEL,
MRS. R. L. PATTERSON.

Committee on Resolutions reported and adopted.

In the Providence of Almighty God, we have been permitted to meet in this, the 43rd annual convention, and to Him be the Honor and the Glory and the Praise for the work accomplished during the past year.
Be it resolved:

1. That we hereby extend our heartfelt thanks to the Pastor, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, and his wife and the people of St. Luke's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Emerson for their sincere hospitality and entertainment.

2. To our worthy and efficient President and all other Officers and co-workers for their excellent service during the past year and during this convention.

3. To Mrs. Sydney R. Kepner, President of the Women's Missionary Society of the U. L. C. in America, for her splendid address and to Miss Jessie Thomas for her instructive illustrated lecture on India.

4. To Mrs. V. R. Emerson and the officers and members of the Light Brigade of Emerson for the interesting and instructive demonstration of their work.

5. To the young people of Emerson for the entertaining playlet, "Sunlight or Candlelight."

6. To Rev. Charles S. Bauslin for his inspirational address.

7. To Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, our retiring Treasurer, for her faithful and efficient service during the past 18 years.

8. To Mrs. J. I. Ray and choir for their musical selections.

9. To Mrs. C. D. Mumford, for her interesting paper, "Our Possibilities."

10. To the Presbyterian Church of Emerson for the use of their church for the two days, which was very kind and certainly appreciated.
Be it further resolved:

That our retiring President convey these votes of thanks.
Be it further resolved:

That the messages brought to us by Rev. Walters of Tabitha Home and by Mr. O. A. Keyser, representative from Midland College, be conveyed to the auxilliary societies.
Be it further resolved:

That we express thanks to our Heavenly Father for the many blessings and opportunities which have been ours during the past year, and pray for his Divine Guidance and blessings for the coming year.

MRS. J. LINDAHL,
MRS. E. E. SHIMONEK,
MRS. J. M. KING.

Missionary Honor Roll conducted by Mrs. C. F. Koch.
Committee on Letters and Papers reported and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

Jesus said "All things are possible to him that believeth," Mark 9:23. Mrs. C. D. Mumford in her paper, "Our Possibilities," that through Faith, all things can be accomplished.

Miss Bertha Koenig, our missionary from Africa, sent greetings and a gavel. made of real African ivory and palm wood, and wishes that every tap will remind us of the mission inAfrica.

The paper, "Our Japanese Work (the girls' school)," by Mrs. J. Lindahl, made the work there more emphatic, as our special for the year is Japan. Fifteen centuries have passed and thirty generations of men went to Christless graves before the Gospel reached Japan. We have waited too long to begin Christian education. The present Japanese fad is education, will we not meet the call and make it possible to educate them in the Christian way?

Several letters of greetings and regrets were received, and mention of them will be made in the report in the protocol.

MRS. F. J. WEERTZ,
MRS. A. K. WALBORN,
MRS. M. L. LEONARD.

Reading of the minutes of 3 Executive Committee meetings, which were approved.

Unfinished Business.

New Business.

Retiring President. Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, made Life Member by convention and motion carried as follows:

"We move that the Convention extend a rising vote of thanks to our beloved retiring president, in appreciation of the time, thought and strength she has given us in her service the past two years."

Reading of minutes of the day. Approved.

Thanks of retiring president and address by president-elect.

Quiet hour conducted by Mrs. C. F. Koch.

Formal closing of convention by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.

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Page 4—Change Judication Committee to "Adjudication Committee."

Page 5—Add to Delegates to the U. L. C. Convention: Clerical, Rev. R. W. Livers; Lay, I. M. Augustine.

Page 5—Program for Next Year, add after Rising City, "October 13-15, 1925."

Page 18—Special Committees: Lnie 4, change Greenwalt to "Greenawalt."

Page 28—Under Church Property: Increase, change 9.900 to 9.300.

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Page 55—After Article X of Articles of Incorporation, insert the following: Article XI—Amendment—These articles may be amended at any regularly called meeting of the Synod by a majority vote."

Page 56—Under heading 4, line 4, change the word Christmas to "Christians."

Page 57—Paragraph 3, line 1, 21 should read "210."

Page 59—Items 1-10, referred to in the heading of the Report of Committee on Resolutions should read, "1-8." Item 11, in line 3, should read "7" and "stricken" instead of placed on the table. Item 12 and 13 omit. Item 11, in line 5, should read "7."

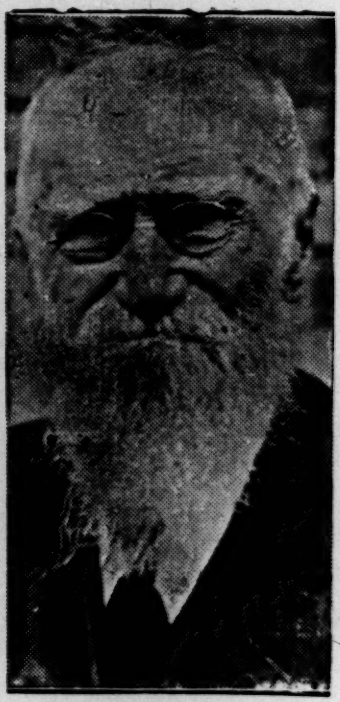
Page 61—Line 17, Sohlom should read "Soholm."

Page 66—Bruwing, in line 23, should read "Bruning." Oamah, in line 43, should read "Omaha."

REV. W. I. GUSS, D. D., Pastor

ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

OMAHA, NEBRASKA



REV. J. F. KUHLMAN,
First President of the Nebraska Synod

Synodical Calendar For 1924-1925

President—REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., 1049 E. Military Ave., Fremont.
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Historian—REV. R. A. WHITE, Wolbach.

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REV. O. D. BALTZLY, D. D., Ph. D. LL. D., 2602 Farnam St., Omaha, 1926.
REV. C. G. AUE, D. D., Fremont, 1925.
REV. A. O. SOHOLM, 1009 South 29th St., Omaha, 1927.
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REV. C. B. HARMON, D. D., Grand Island, 1925.
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PROGRAM FOR NEXT YEAR

First Lutheran Church, Rising City

Communion Sermon—By Rev. R. E. Rangeler; alternate, Rev. W. A. Klink.
Ordination Sermon—By Rev. R. W. Livers; alternate, Rev. G. E. Mortensen.
Chaplain—Rev. R. A. White; alternate, Rev. G. B. Weaver.

Delegates to the U. L. C. Convention

Clerical:	Lay:
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REV. C. G. AUE, D. D.	O. A. KEYSER
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REV. K. DE FREESE	G. HAHN.

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES

Ministers	Ord.	Ent. Synod	Address	Charge	Lay Delegate	Address
Aue, C. G., D. D.	1895	1920	325 E. 10th St., Fremont	Fremont		
Anderson, H. P.	.....	.....	Paxton, Nebr.	Paxton		
Baltzly, O. D., D. D., Ph. D., LL. D.	1896	1911	2602 Farnam St., Omaha	Omaha	H. Fischer	Omaha, Nebr.
Block, F.	.....	.....	.....	Africa	H. C. Luckey	Lincoln, Nebr.
Bream, C. S.	1913	1923	847 So. 14th St.	Lincoln	W. F. Ottman	Omaha, Nebr.
De Freese, K.	1917	1916	2429 Mary St., Omaha	Omaha		
Dorn, Geo.	1915	1919	2602 Farnam St., Omaha	Omaha	H. Thielke	Omaha, Nebr.
Ebright, O. W.	1919	1924	25th & K Sts., Omaha	Omaha		
Fleck, E. L.	1887	1910	.....	Lincoln	Wm. Stuff	Auburn, Nebr.
Frank, A. O.	1923	1923	Auburn, Nebr.	Auburn	R. B. Weller	Omaha, Nebr.
Guss, W. I., D. D.	1899	1919	2051 North 20th	Omaha		
Grenewalt, H. L.	1899	1918	Allen	Allen		
Harman, C. B., D. D.	1900	1910	Grand Island	Grand Island		
Helms, R. A.	1896	1919	McCool Junction	McCool Junc.	H. Peterson	
Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	Hampton	Hamapton		
Hoffman, J. C.	1917	1917	Davenport	Davenport		
Kahl, E. E.	.....	.....	Sidney	Sidney	W. R. Johnson	Sidney, Nebr.
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	Sidney	Sidney-Gurley		
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	Fremont		H. Schultzkamp	West Point
Klink, W. A.	1917	1919	West Point	West Point	N. Claussen	Leigh, Nebr.
Koolen, M., D. D.	1900	1922	Leigh	Leigh		
Kuhns, L. M., D. D., Litt. D.	1886	1888	Saunders-Kennedy Bldg., Omaha	Omaha		
Kuhlman, J. F.	1858	1899	Tabitha Home	Lincoln		
Livers, R. W.	1906	1916	Hooper	Hooper		
Lipe, L. L.	1871	1904	Sharon, Wis.	Sharon		
Lowe, C. R.	1907	1913	Beatrice, Nebr.	Beatrice		
Marohn, A. A.	1913	1919	Ponca			
Machetzky, P.	1915	1914	Buenos Ayres			
Mendenhall, G., Ph. D.	1908	1922	855 E. Military	Fremont		
Mortensen, E. C.	1920	1920	Hardy	Hardy		
Mortensen, G. E.	1920	1920	So. Sioux City	So. Sioux City		

ROLL OF MINISTERS AND LAY DELEGATES—Continued

Raun, J. J.	1920	1920	India				
Ries, L.	1907	1918	Falls City	Falls City			
Rangeler, R. E.	1919	1921	Emerson	Emerson			
Raangeler, W. F., D. D.	1898	1919	Fremont				
Schmidt, H. F.	1895	1921	4705 Calif., Omaha	Chalco	S. E. Brown	Omaha	
Soholm, A. O.	1912	1922	Tekamah	Tekamah	S. A. Wossum	Tekamah	
Stevens, N. H. W.					L. Saylor	Rising City	
Utesch, J.	1904	1919	Rising City	Rising City			
Vosseler, E. A.	1920	1923	6521 Binney	Omaha			
Weaver, G. B.	1898	1916	Tekamah	Tekamah			
Weertz. F. J.	1921	1921	2602 Farnam St.	Omaha			
Weismiller, R. R.	1914	1921	Nebr. City	Nebr. City			
White, R. A.	1886	1886	Wolbach	Wolbach	H. Lehmann	Stamford	
Kreutz, E. H.			Stamford		B. F. Jorn	Verdon	
Young, Alfred			Verdon				

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Hershey, J. C.	1917	1917	Hampton	Hampton	H. Peterson	
Hoffman, Wm.	1902	1920	Davenport	Davenport		
Kahl, E. E.	.....	.....	Sidney	Sidney		
Kahse, W. T., D. D.	1905	1912	Sidney	Sidney-Gurley	W. R. Johnson	Sidney, Nebr.
Keller, S. L.	1888	1910	Fremont			
Klink, W. A.	1917	1917	West Point	West Point	H. Schultzkamp	West Point
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Weertz F. J.	1921	1921	2602 Farnam St.	Omaha		
Weismiller, R. R.	1914	1921	Nebr. City	Nebr. City		
White, R. A.	1886	1886	Wolbach	Wolbach		
Kreutz, E. H.	.....	.....	Stamford		H. Lehmann	Stamford
Young, Alfred	.....	.....	Verdon		B. F. Jorn	Verdon

MINUTES

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF THE

Fifty-Second Annual Convention

OF THE

United Lutheran Church in America

The fifty-second annual convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the United Lutheran Church in America, held in St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Omaha, opened Tuesday afternoon, October 7th, 1924, with Communion Service conducted by the officers of the Synod. The sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles S. Bream, Lincoln, Nebraska.

The President of Synod opened the convention with the regular order. The roll of ministers was called and the lay delegates enrolled.

The President read his report and the same was referred to the proper committee.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

October 7, 1924.

Fathers and Brethern of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

In the Providence of Almighty God we are privileged to assemble in this fifty-second Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska. With grateful hearts we recognize His benevolent providence over us in sparing our lives and giving us health and strength to do His service. We also thank Him for the measure of prosperity and progress He has given to our churches and people during the year that has passed. We greet the pastor and good people of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Omaha who have so kindly welcomed us to their church and homes for this Convention of Synod, and trust that our stay with them will be mutually pleasant and helpful.

We note with deep sadness the death of two of our retired pastors within the year. Rev. J. A. Koser, who was received into our Synod April 2, 1924, from the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Kansas, passed to his eternal reward July 6, 1924, at his home at Nebraska City, Nebraska. On July 25, 1924, Rev. A. T. Ludwig, for many years a member of this Synod, passed away at his home at Allentown, Pennsylvania. Due notice and suitable report on the lives of these Brethren will be made under the report of Necrologist of Synod. We expressed the sympathy of our Synod to the sorrowing widow of Rev. Koser, but knew of no friends to whom expressions of sympathy could be made concerning Rev. Ludwig. The ministerial labors of these Brethren have not been in vain and the final harvest of their labors will be measured by Him whose the harvest is, and the laborers will be rewarded by the Great Lord of the Harvest.

It is with great satisfaction that we are able to report a continued improvement in the health of our beloved Brother, Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., of Grand Island, who is able to resume at this time at least a part of his ministerial duties. His beloved people at Grand Island have secured for him an assistant pastor, who will take up his duties November 1 and we recognize the good act of these people in their great consideration for their pastor in this, as well as in all the considerations they have shown him during his illness. We pray that God may soon restore him to the full possession of his health and energy.

We wish in this connection to express our deepest appreciation of the most hearty co-operation and good will that has been extended to us by all our pastors as well as by the good people of our congregations in the work of your President during the past year. Without this hearty co-operation very little could be accomplished. We wish to commend the earnest unselfishness and consecrated services that have been rendered throughout the year by the pastors of our Synod. Many have labored under difficult and disparaging circumstances and yet have held themselves faithful to their tasks. We trust that our people in our various congregations, now blessed with at least a measure of returning

prosperity, will recognize the sacrifices that have been made in the work of their pastors and will endeavor to relieve the stress under which they have been laboring by giving them a larger support and a faithful co-operation.

We herewith submit in briefest possible form, a record of our official acts and all other information of importance to the Synod:

Resignations

Name, Place and Date Effective.

Rev. O. W. Ebright, Benson, Omaha—November 1, 1923.
Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., West Point—November 1, 1923.
Rev. W. A. Klink, Rising City—January 31, 1924.
Rev. A. K. Walborn, St. Luke's, Omaha—July 31, 1924.
Rev. G. B. Weaver, York, Neb.—May 31, 1924.
Rev. J. H. Fetterolf, Wayne—July 1, 1924.
Rev. A. A. Marohn, Ponca—September 1, 1924.
Rev. C. Franklin Koch, North Platte—October 1, 1924.
Rev. E. H. Vosseler, Walton—October 1, 1924.
Rev. J. C. Hershey, Hampton—November 1, 1924.

Ordination Certificate Returned

On April 21, 1924, the Rev. E. Bollman desiring to engage in secular employment, temporarily, delivered to me his ordination certificate to be kept in the custody of Synod until such time as he desires again to take up the work of the ministry. Rev.Bollman's name, therefore, is removed temporarily from the roll of this Synod.

Dismissals

Congregations

On November 30, 1923, the Resurection Evangelical Lutheran Church of Gretna, Nebr., having voted to withdraw from our Synod and having made satisfactory settlement of sums due our Synod, was granted on their request, a regular letter of transfer to the German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska.

Pastors

November 5, 1923, Rev. O. W. Ebright to the Rocky Mountain Synod.
June 11, 1924, Rev. J. H. Fetterolf to the Synod of Illinois.
July 14, 1924. Rev. A. K. Walborn to the Pacific Synod.
August 29, 1924, Rev. E. O. Wannagat to the Synod of Illinois.
September 23, 1924, Rev. C. Franklin Koch to the Synod of Iowa.

Calls Accepted

Name, Place and Date Effective

Rev. C. R. Lowe, Beatrice—November 1, 1923.
Rev. W. A. Klink, West Point—February 1, 1924.
Rev. Alfred W. Young, Licensiate, Verdon—January 15, 1924.
Rev. H. P. Anderson, Paxton-Sutherland—March 25, 1924.

Rev. G. B. Weaver, Benson, Omaha—June 1, 1924.
Rev. O. W. Ebright, St. Luke's, Omaha—September 1, 1924.
Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Rising City—October 1, 1924.
Rev. Coy L. Stager, Wayne—October 15, 1924.
Rev. . C. Hershey, Grand Island, Asst.—November 1, 1924.
Rev. H. L. Greenawalt, Walton-Eagle—November 4, 1924.

Accessions

April 2, 1924, Rev. J. A. Koser, from the Synod of Kansas.
June 1, 1924, Rev. Fred Block by ordination.
October 2, 1924, Rev. Coy L. Stager, from the Synod of Indiana.
October 3, 1924, Rev. O. W. Ebright, from the Rocky Mountain Synod.

Applications From Non-constituent Synods

May 1, 1924, Rev. H. P. Anderson, from the United Danish Synod.
August 1, 1924, Rev. E. H. Kreutz, from the Missouri Synod.
(These applications have been referred to the Examining Committee for action at this meeting of Synod).

Installations

Date, Name and Place.

November 18, 1923, Rev. A. O. Frank—Auburn, Nebr.
November 25, 1923, Rev. Charles S. Bream—Grace Church of Lincoln.
December 2, 1923, Rev. E. A. Vosseler—Walton-Eagle.
December 9, 1923, Rev. E. C. Mortensen—Hardy, Nebr.
June 1, 1924, Rev. G. B. Weaver—Benson, Omaha.
February 17, 1924, Rev. W. A. Klink—West Point.
December 16, 1923, Rev. C. R. Lowe—Beatrice.
October 5, 1924, Rev. O. W. Ebright—St. Luke's, Omaha.
(In these installations the President of Synod was assisted at Auburn by Rev. J. F. Krueger, D. D.,; at Beatrice by Rev. Prof. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., and at Benson, in Omaha, the entire installation was by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., in the absence of the President of Synod).

Supplies

During the year supply work has been rendered in the Synod as follows:

Stella, by Rev. A. B. Schwerdtfeger.
Salem Church, Dakota City, by Student W. H. Saas.
Grand Island, during the winter by Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. D., and during the summer, by Student Walter A. Voss.
Wilber, by Student H. C. Cordts.
York, by Herbert Neve, Student, during the summer.
Oshkosh-Lewellen, by Student Charles Puls.
Stamford, by Rev. C. W. Seville, and Rev. E. H. Kreutz .
Benedict, by Student Max Harder, during the summer.
Bridgeport, Neb., new work carried on during the summer by Student Henry Dumler.
Dakota City, Emanuel, by Rev. Luther M. Kuhns, D. D.

Oakland, Neb., by Student Thomas Rinde and Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D.

Rising City, during the vacancy by Rev. E. Lee Fleck.

Hubbard, by Rev. Lauritz Laursen of the United Danish Synod.

Stamford, Emanuel, by Rev. A. L. Groseclose, Kansas Synod.

(Other congregations were supplied during the vacancies in their pulpits by the different members of the Seminary Faculty, and Students in the Seminary. By these means, regular services have been maintained throughout the year in all of our churches, with the exception of two or three fields where supplies could not as yet be arranged for.)

Appointments

By the Executive Committee.

September 16, 1924, Rev. Charles S. Bream, Lincoln, Neb., to fill the unexpired term of Rev. E. Bollman on the Examining Committee.

September 16, 1924, Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., to fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. F. Koch on the Examining Committee.

September 16, 1924, Rev. K. de Freese to fill the unexpired term of Rev. C. F. Koch as Chairman of the Committee on Laymen's Missionary Movement.

September 16, 1924, Rev. R. R. Weismiller to fill the unexpired term of Rev. A. K. Walborn on the Home Mission Committee.

September 16, 1924, Rev. G. N. Mendenhall, Ph. D., to fill the unexpired term of Rev. J. H. Fetterolf on the Committee on Ministerial Education.

By the President of Synod.

September 11, 1924, Rev. K. de Freese, Secretary of Synod to bear the greetings of Synod to the Forty-fourth Annual Convention of the Women's Missionary Society of the Nebraska Synod to be held in Kountze Memorial Church of Omaha October 14-16, 1924.

September 20, 1924, Mr. Ort A. Keyser and Mr. Theodore Woods, both of Fremont, as a special committee of Laymen requested by the Committee on Publicity of the United Lutheran Church in America, to foster the publicity of the coming United Lutheran Church Convention on the territory of our Synod.

September 30, 1924, I appointed Prof. C. K. Burkholder and Mr. Ort A. Keyser as auditing committee to audit the books of the Treasurer of Synod.

October 2, 1924, Rev. R. R. Weismiller to be Chaplain of Synod for the coming meeting of Synod.

Vacancies

Bruning, Dakota City Emanuel, Homer, Oakland, Oshkosh-Lewellen, (Supplied), Stamford (Supplied), Stamford Emanuel (Supplied), Ponca, Wayne (Pastor called), North Platte (Pastor called), Walton-Eagle (Pastor called), Benedict (Supplied), York, Wilber (Supplied).

New Work

December 16, 1923, the President of Synod together with Rev. C. R. Lowe effected a temporary organization of a new congregation near Barneston, Neb. The same was put in charge of Rev. C. R. Lowe of Beatrice, Neb., who has since completed the permanent organization and will present the application of the congregation for acceptance at this meeting of Synod.

July 20, 1924, Sunday School and preaching services were started at Bridgeport, Neb., and placed in charge of Student Henry Dumler for the summer. The congregation has not as yet been organized.

September 7, 1924, Sunday School was opened at Fortieth and Randolph Sts., Lincoln, Neb., and preaching services begun September 14. The first sermon being preached by Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. D., of Western Theological Seminary. Property was purchased and the services are being held in the residence which was on the property. The work was placed in the hands of Miss Mabel I. Brazda, Parish worker, who is giving her entire time to the field.

Improvements, Dedications, Anniversaries and Other Matters of Note in the Congregations

Auburn, church painted and papered inside, painted outside, cost of same $350.00. Luther League and Ladies Missionary Society organized since last report. Weekly Bulletin printed.

Beatrice, new roof on church, auditorium repaired and redecorated minor repairs on church and parsonage floors waxed, etc. Cost, $1,250.00. All but small balance paid.

Elkhorn, repairs on property, $200.00. Furniture installed in the church donated by Synod, value $1,000.00. The church in Elkhorn was dedicated May 25, 1924, the President of Synod being present and preaching the sermon. Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., of Omaha, also assisted the pastor, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, in the service.

Dakota City Emmanuel, new roof on church, church windows screened, basement steps added. Cost of same, $60.00, not including donation of work. New Sunday School organized.

Fremont Salem, ground broken for new church September 23, 1924. Estimated cost will be $75.000.00.

Hampton, paid $413.00 on indebtedness the last year.

Hardy, the Jewell church of this charge, has consolidated with the town congregation to the advantage of both congregations.

Leigh—Congregation became self supporting June 1, 1924. Pastor presented with a fine new Buick automobile.

Lincoln Grace—62 per cent increase in church membership and 109 per cent increase in church school enrollment.

McCool Junction—Sidewalk, parsonage buildings painted; total cost $168.00.

Nebraska City—Roof of parsonage reshingled and hard wood floors in the parsonage. Total cost, $250.00.

North Platte—Paid on church debt, $3,500.00.

Omaha Redeemer—New song books, $50.00; new piano, $450.00; balance in full on debt, $1,500.00; raised pastor's salary $200.00.

Omaha, Benson, paid $400.00 on debt and $138.00 interest. Street in front of church newly paved.

Omaha Kountz Memorial—Improvements at Forty-second and Bancroft Mission, $300.00. New Mission at Sixty-third and Pickard Ave. Organized July 6, 1924. Average attendance, 60 per Sunday.

Omaha Grace—New furnace, $200.00; new choir gowns, $271.00; new pulpit and alter coverings, $75.00; total, $546.00.

Omaha, St. Mark's—Piano, $100.00; cement work and plastering, $135.00; painting of Sunday School room and parsonage repairs estimated at $350.00. Paid off debt on parsonage of $663.00. Church property is now free from debt.

Omaha, St. Luke's—New roof and furnace, $500.00.

Paxton—Parsonage painted and papered inside, $100.00.

Sidney—New garage, $225.00.

Gurley—Enlarged tower and hung bell, $250.00.

Potter—Church repairs, $100.00. Summer school conducted by Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D.

South Sioux City—Purchased lot, $1,500.00. Organized Brotherhood, Light Brigade and Young Ladies Missionary Society. Campaign now on for new church.

Stella—Furnace repaired and parsonage painted, $100.00.

Tekamah—Streets paved, $757.00. Church repairs and remodeling now in progress.

Verdon—Repairs made on parsonage, $60.00.

Walton—Parsonage painted and yard improved, $125.00.

Wayne—Church painted, $225.00.

West Point—Parsonage porch screened, church roof repaired, new hymnals, silver ware for church, total cost $170.00.

Wolbach—Basement under the church, $840.00.

Conference of Presidents

January 29-30, 1924, your President attended the Biennial Conference of Presidents of District Synods held at Harrisburg, Pa. Thirty presidents were there, representing all of the District Synods of the United Lutheran Church in America, but six. Following the Conference and at the suggestion of the Executive Committee of our Synod, your President visited the Theological Seminaries at Gettysburg, Pa.; Selins Grove, Pa.; Springfield, Ohio, and Maywood, Chicago, to interest students to come west when through school. As a result of these visits, two students did supply work in our Synod this summer, one of whom will remain and complete his senior year at our Western Theological Seminary, and is an applicant for license at this meeting of our Synod. Others are in prospect for our western work when they complete their course of study.

Work of the Full Time President

In view of the change of the office of President to full time service, some items may be deemed proper in the President's report touching the general work he has done during the year:

Preached 77 sermons; made 30 other addresses; conducted 11 communion services; baptized 13 children; baptized 3 adults; confirmed 10; received otherwise into church 11; total received into churches 24 other than by infant baptism; total, 37; conducted 1 funeral; married none; made 105 visits to congregations and councils; attended Conference of Presidents at Harrisburg, Pa.; visited 4 Eastern Seminaries; 5 meetings of Executive Committee; 6 meetings of the Home Mission Committee; one meeting of Laymen's Committee; 1 meeting of State Brotherhood; 1 meeting with Faculty of Western Seminary; 3 meetings with Midland Assembly Committee; 6 installations; 2 celebrations; traveled 25,947 miles; used in the correspondence 1,500 first class stamps; cost to Synod in expense as follows:

Moving expenses, $90.00; Conference of Presidents, $65.92; total specials, $155.92. Ordinary expenses, car fare, hotels, meals, stamps, stenographer, and other office expenses, $288.50. Expenses paid by churches, $134.25. Balance of expense paid by the Synod, $154.25.

We have succeeded in visiting most of the congregations in our Synod, only a few where no specific call was given or where circumstances prevented our getting there, have not been visited, and these will be reached as soon as it is physically possible. The experience we have had during the year has discovered to us beyond our previous thought the large scope of this work. Many things that should have been done could not be reached. It has also evidently appeared to us that closer supervision of our work is an absolute necessity if we are to go forward as a church. It is impossible to report the many problems and matters of importance to the life and welfare of our congregations that have been handled during the year.

We wish in this connection to express our great appreciation of the loyal support and hearty co-operation of our pastors as well as of the Church Councils and congregations, so far as we have been permitted to come in contact with them.

The acquaintances established in the congregations in this first year of service will greatly aid us in the work of the coming years. We most earnestly solicit the continued co-operation of the pastors and congregations, in our work.

Church Properties For Sale

The District Court of Plattsmouth has decreed the title of the property at Elmwood to reside in the Nebraska Synod. As soon as possible measures will be taken to sell this property.

The building at Surprise has been sold and after paying the mortgage of $50.00 due the Church Extension Board, the balance of $250.00 has been placed in the Synodical Treasury. The vacant lots of this property are still for sale.

The sale of the property at Waverly is not yet perfected, and there is some difference existing as to the Synod's rights in this property.

United Lutheran Church Convention

Our Synod has been asked by the Committee on Publicity for the United Lutheran Church Convention to arrange, if possible, that the pastors of our Synod may all receive the Convention Daily to be published during the days of the convention. To accomplish this we sent out a statement to each pastor asking for his subscription at a cost of 50 cents for this purpose. Most of the pastors have responded and we hope those who have not will do so at this meeting of Synod.

Synodical Paper

The President has found the Synodical Paper a very useful organ in getting matters before the people in our various congregations and wishes to express the hope that the publication of this paper will be continued during the coming year.

Defective Incorporation

We have discovered that the Articles of Incorporation of our Synod are defective and much trouble and expense has been occasioned by these defects in the matter of legal transactions relative to the sale of properties. We have therefore asked the Attorney for Synod, Mr. Harry Fischer, to submit revised articles of incorporation for adoption at this meeting of Synod.

Midland College

We rejoice in the success that has come to Midland College within the year, both in the large increase in students and the measure of success attained in the endowment campaign. It is also a reason for gratitude that in the Providence of God one new building has been completed and ground broken for the erection of another. As we have come in contact with the work of our churches and with the Missionary opportunities of our church in this part of the west, we are more and more decided in our opinion that the future success of our church in this part of the middle west depends on the strengthening and successful advancement of Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary. This being true, we desire herewith to commend the interests of Midland Collge and Wsetern Theological Seminary to the sympathetic co-operation of our Synod in all the requests they may make at our hands.

Midland Assembly for Church Workers

The Midland Assembly for Church Workers held a very successful assembly in June in the buildings of Midland College. It was the earnest desire of all connected with the same that this institution should be perpetuated.

We recommend the appointment of Midland Assembly Committee to act in conjunction with a similar committee of the Women's Missionary Society to continue this work.

Doubtless many matters of importance will be brought to the attention of Synod through the various Committees and their reports, and we therefore omit further references in this report. Again soliciting your continued support and faithful co-operation of pastors and people that we may put forward the work of the Lord's Kingdom with new zeal in the coming year, I am

Very respectfully,

W. F. RANGELER,
President of Synod.

The following officers were elected: Secretary, Rev. K. De Freese ;Treasurer, Mr. Jos. H. Miller; Statistician, Rev. Geo. Dorn; Historian, Rev. R. A. White; Rev. A. O. Soholm was elected a member of the Executive Committee.

By a motion the first eight pews were made the bar of Synod.

Mr. Paulus List, of the Board of Publication, Chicago, was introduced to Synod. Dr. Frank Heilman, D. D., Sec'y of the Board of Foreign Missions, was introduced to Synod.

The President appointed the special committees for Synod.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

President Report—Rev. E. C. Mortensen, Rev. John Utesch, Rev. E. A. Vosseler, Mr. John Black.

Conference Minutes and Reports—Rev. J. C. Hershey, Rev. H. L. Greenwalt, F. O. Lindgren.

Leave of Absence and Absentees—Rev. R. A. Helms, Rev. A. O. Frank, Mr. John Bonderson.

Letters and Papers—Rev. L. M. Kuhns, D. D.; Rev. Wm. Hoffman, Mr. W. E. Voss.

Resolutions—Rev. G. E. Mortensen, Rev. M. Koolen, D. D.; Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.; Rev. R. A. White, S. C. Brown.

Apportionment—Rev. W. T. Kahse, Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. R. R. Weismiller, O. A. Keyser, Dr. J. H. Miller.

Claims and Pooling Expenses—Rev. C. R. Lowe, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, M. H. Peterson, R. W. Johnson.

New Congregations and Arrangement of Pastoral Charges—Rev. A. O. Soholm, Rev. G. B. Weaver, Rev. L. Ries, Mr. W. F. Ottman.

Committee on Program for Next Meeting of Synod, Speakers and Chaplain, Principle and Alternate, Communion Sermon, Ordination Sermon, Chaplain—Rev. C. S. Bream, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D.; Mr. H. A. Thielke.

Mr. Joseph H. Miller read the Treasurer's Report. Report accepted.

STATEMENT OF TREASURER

Receipts

Cash on hand last report	$ 5,341.01
United Lutheran Church	17,023.04
Synodical Treasury	4,640.70
Ministerial Education	591.68
Tabitha Home	1,918.44
Midland College	6,479.30
Seminary Contingent Fund	338.10
Nebraska Synod Lutheran	435.50
Lutheran World Service	3,689.73
Foreign Missions, specials	1,699.64
Miscellaneous objects	261.50
Total	$42,418.64

Disbursements

Paid Treasurer United Lutheran Church Apportionment		$17,023.04
Foreign Missions, specials		1,699.73
Paid National Lutheran Council, World Service		3,689.64
Paid Synodical Mission Committee		671.20
Paid Nebraska Synod Lutheran Bills		745.25
Paid Tabitha Home:		
Apportionment	$ 881.47	
Specials	1,036.97	
		$ 1,918.44
Paid Midland College:		
Apportionment	$ 5,723.55	
Specials	755.75	
		$ 6,479.30
Paid Treasurer Seminary Contingent Fund		338.10
Paid from Ministerial Education Fund:		
W. A. Voss	$ 200.00	
A. W. Young	200.00	
Edward Amend	200.00	
Max J. Harder	200.00	
H. Scherer	75.00	
Pacific Seminary, for student	200.00	
		$ 1,075.00
Paid from Synodical Treasury:		
O. W. Ebright	$ 23.49	
Hammond Printing Company	12.19	
Perkins Printing Company	39.50	

Springer Printing Company	24.95	
Corey & McKenzie Printing Co.	60.45	
Chappel Printing Company	26.50	
E. C. Mortensen	2.89	
E. Bollman	2.21	
Wm. Hoffman	2.87	
R. W. Livers	11.70	
Jos. H. Miller, printing bill	12.00	
O. D. Baltzly	2.26	
Board Home Mis. & Ch. Extension	50.00	
Franklin Printing Company	593.00	
C. G. Aue	3.51	
C. F. Koch	26.05	
H. F. Schmidt	13.60	
Jos. H. Miller	55.62	
C. R. Lowe	9.00	
Walter Voss	45.00	
R. A. White	2.25	
E. A. Vosseler	3.57	
G. Hahn	2.15	
A. O. Frank	.57	
A. A. Marohn	9.75	
Geo. Dorn	16.35	
W. F. Rangeler	3,095.33	
Mrs. C. A. Robinson	27.60	
K. De Freese	9.70	
Home Mission Committee	25.00	
R. P. Ross	10.00	
W. I. Guss	3.35	
All Sales Typewriter Company	3.00	
W. T. Kahse	20.00	
G. B. Weaver	1.76	
		$ 4,346.17

Paid Respective Treasurers the following sums for Miscellaneous Objects:

Jewish Missions	$ 11.50	
Home Missions	5.00	
Japanese Relief	25.00	
Ministerial Relief	140.00	
Inner Mission, New York	5.00	
Van Fleet Prize, for Midland	25.00	
Good Shepherd Home	2.00	
Luther League of America	10.00	
Board of Education	16.00	
Midland Assembly	22.00	
		$ 261.50
Cash on hand		4,271.27
Total		$42,418.64

Cash on hand as follows:

Synodical Treasury	$ 2,130.59	
Ministerial Education	2,120.12	
Synod Paper	20.56	
Total receipts for this year		$37,077.63
Last year		35,464.58
Received on Apportionment this year		29,098.04
Last year		23,765.93
Deficit on Apportionment this year		10,143.96
Last year		3,456.07

Per cent paid on Apportionment this year, 74; last year, 87 per cent.

15 churches paid their full quota.

4 churches paid an excess of	$ 80.00
33 churches have a deficit of	10,526.00

It is very evident that stewardship should be inculcated in the minds and hearts of our churches and the deficits will be changed into excesses.

Respectfully submitted,

JOS. H. MILLER,
Treasurer.

TREASURER'S EXHIBIT

	Appor't	Paid on Appor't	Paid on Specials	Totals Paid
Allen	$ 533.00	$ 403.00	$ 80.00	$ 483.00
Auburn	280.00	280.00	118.77	398.77
Beatrice	714.00	410.00	31.98	441.98
Benedict, Bethel	108.00	118.00	17.50	135.50
Benedict, Zion	327.00	272.00	9.00	281.00
Bruning	120.00	.....	.....	.....
Creston	.....	201.53	127.50	329.03
Dakota City, Emmanuel	60.00	60.00	11.50	71.50
Dakota City, Salem	288.00	288.00	81.00	369.00
Davenport	611.00	480.00	57.70	537.70
Eagle	155.00	.....	.....	.....
Elkhorn	159.00	79.00	45.00	124.00
Emerson	869.00	869.00	364.40	1,233.40
Ericson	125.00	56.00	6.00	62.00
Falls City	817.00	248.01	66.00	314.01
Fremont	937.00	940.00	236.30	1,176.30
Grand Island	1,840.00	791.00	467.00	1,258.00
Gretna	.....	13.00	107.00	120.00
Gurley	228.00	198.00	.....	198.00
Hampton	353.00	307.00	77.00	384.00
Hardy	262.00	262.00	61.00	323.00
Hardy, Jewell	116.00	116.00	38.52	154.42

Homer	130.00	.....	.....	.....
Hooper	619.00	340.60	33.00	373.60
Leigh	550.00	150.00	150.50	300.50
Lewellen	189.00	200.00	25.00	225.00
Lincoln	942.00	942.00	85.20	1,027.20
McCool Junction	215.00	197.00	41.45	238.45
Nebraska City	553.00	301.00	58.00	359.00
North Platte	1,535.00	1,535.00	150.00	1,685.00
Oakland	219.00	136.00	49.00	185.00
Omaha, First	817.00	817.00	61.00	878.00
Omaha, Grace	714.00	714.00	99.75	813.75
Omaha, K. M.	12,788.00	9,564.00	2,304.95	11,868.95
Omaha, Redeemer	864.00	839.00	25.00	864.00
Omaha, St. Luke	1,105.00	397.00	83.00	480.00
Omaha, St. Mark	1,174.00	1,174.00	824.00	1,998.00
Oshkosh	181.00	181.00	.....	181.00
Paxton	172.00	47.00	.....	47.00
Ponca	714.00	.....	31.00	31.00
Potter	120.00	120.00	50.00	170.00
Rising City	391.00	447.00	579.23	1,026.23
Sidney	245.00	201.00	132.50	333.50
South Sioux	284.00	276.00	29.35	305.35
Stamford, Immanuel	176.00	68.00	64.00	132.00
Stamford, Trinity	271.00	145.00	92.00	237.00
Stella	160.00	160.00	34.00	194.00
Sutherland	108.00	33.00	.....	33.00
Tekamah	202.00	202.00	30.00	232.00
Verdon	624.00	407.00	172.33	579.33
Walton	421.00	275.00	32.01	307.01
Wayne	1,092.00	476.00	72.00	548.00
West Point	1,638.00	1,638.00	159.75	1,797.75
Wilber	185.00	125.00	2.00	127.00
Wolbach	572.00	276.00	15.00	291.00
York	271.00	153.00	14.40	167.40
Chalco	99.00	25.00	.....	25.00
Neb. Synod in session	.....	30.92	.....	30.92
Treasurer Neb. Syn. Luth.	.....	.....	73.25	73.25
Rev. J. F. Kuhlman	.....	35.00	.....	35.00
Rev. L. L. Lipe	.....	5.00	.....	5.00
Pawnee City	.....	2.00	2.00	4.00
Lorton Sunday School	.....	.....	10.00	10.00
Tabitha Home	.....	.....	14.00	14.00
Women's Mis. Society	.....	.....	16.25	16.25
Sale of Church Bldg.	.....	.....	300.00	300.00
Interest on deposits	.....	93.98	39.50	133.48
Totals	$39,242.00	$29,098.04	$7,979.59	$37,077.63

By motion the treasurer of Synod was instructed to arrange the list of churches not in alphabetical order, but as to per capita amount given on apportionment. Adjournment. Prayer, Rev. G. B. Weaver.

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE, 8 O'CLOCK

The service was conducted by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., pastor Loci, and the secretary of Synod. The sermon was preached by Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., the president of Synod.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.

The devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. R. Weismiller, Chaplain of Synod.

Roll was called, minutes read and approved.

President appointed the following special committees:

Auditing Commtitee of the Midland Summer Assembly, Mr. O. A. Keyser, Mr. E. T. Tramp.

Reporters for the press, Rev. R. R. Weismiller, Alfred Young.

The report of Committee on Reference and Council was read and accepted.

The President of Synod appointed the following committee to take note of anniversaries which may occur in the Synod: Rev. R. A. White, Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., General Sec'y of the Parish and Church School Board of the United Lutheran Church in America, was introduced to Synod.

Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, the first president of the Nebraska Synod, was introduced to Synod and gave a short address as follows:

"It is with emotion that I stand before you. I am not going to make an address, but it was my desire to see the Synod again. Today it is sixty-six years since I was licensed at Bedford, Pa. Taking a trip by water I reached Nebraska, landing by steamboat here in 1864. I have the honor of being the father of the Synod. I don't know any of you. I cannot see you, my hearing and my health has failed and I am not as strong as when I rode a pony over the plains to Cedar County. My greetings to you and my Benediction."

The report of the statistician, Rev. Geo. Dorn, was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE STATISTICIAN

Statistics are usually considered a dry subject, but nevertheless they hold a vital relation to the progress of the church. Statistics show the advance of the Gospel in numbers. Here we deal with cold facts. Sentiment has no place in Statistics. But statistics have value only in

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				PAROCHIAL											
				Membership		Accessions		Losses		Ch. Papers		Church Schools			Students
						Child	Adult	Child	Adult			Sunday	Week-day		

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Index Number	PAROCHIAL: Church Societies: Men's Number	Men's Members	Women's Number	Women's Members	Young People Number	Young People Members	FINANCIAL: Valuation of Church Property: Church edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Congregational Exp: Current	Unusual	Total	Congregational Benevolence: Apportioned: Paid	Excess	Deficit	Unapportioned: Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned	Summary: Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures
1	1	24	2	49	2	92	16000	4000				20000	910	2137	299	2436	403		130		27	7	73	238	345	748	3184
2			2	28	1	20	2000	2000				4000		2027	215	2242	280				111		22	14	147	427	2669
3			2	36	1	20	10000	7000				17000	275	1845	651	2496	420		294				53	63	110	536	3032
4														325		325											325
5			1	15			10000	3000				13000		1854		1854	272		55	14	58	20			92	364	2213
6			1	17			10000					10000		438	131	569	118	10			1	10		7	18	136	705
7			1	10			1800					1800														
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14			1	40	2	89	3000	5000				8000		1878	1378	3256	247		570				134	30	164	411	3667
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16			3	105	1	45	32000	3000				35000	3850	4867	1082	5949	791		1049	168	10	7		282	567	1358	7307
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22	2	75	4	178	1	41	25000	6000			1409	32409		6283		6283	942			10		75	10		95	1037	7320
23			1	16	1	11	6500	6000				12500		1600		1600											1600
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26			1	18	1	14	5000					5000					46		173							46	46
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30	1	40	1	43	2	58	15000					15000		4208	1400	5608	864				40			260	300	1164	6772
31			2	34	2	50	10000				18000	28000	12000	2773	800	3573	375		730					38	38	413	3986
32	1	25	2	58	2	38	20000	5000				25000		3306	1114	4420	1174			177	500		166	901	1744	2918	7338
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PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD

PAROCHIAL

Index	Parish	Congregation	When Organized*	Pastor	Congregations	Membership: Baptized	Membership: Confirmed	Membership: Communing	Accessions: Child: Baptism	Accessions: Child: Otherwise	Accessions: Adult: Baptism	Accessions: Adult: Confirmed	Accessions: Adult: Certificate	Accessions: Adult: Otherwise	Losses: Child: Death	Losses: Child: Otherwise	Losses: Adult: Death	Losses: Adult: Certificate	Losses: Adult: Otherwise	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Official Papers	Ch. Papers: No. S. S. Papers Distributed	Ch. Papers: No. Sub. to Oth'r Ch. P'rs.	Church Schools: Sunday: Number Officers and Teachers	Church Schools: Sunday: Scholars	Church Schools: Sunday: Home Dep't	Church Schools: Sunday: Cradle Roll	Church Schools: Week-day: Number Teachers	Church Schools: Week-day: Scholars	Catechumens	Students: Ministry	Students: Deaconess	Students: In Lutheran	Students: In Non-Luth.
*35	Lewellen	Grace		Rohlfing, W. (sec'y)	1	118	72	15															1	6	45		6						
37	Paxton	Trinity	1902	Anderson, H. P.	1	76	43	43	9							65			59	3	24	25	1	7	53				11			1	2
38	Sutherland	Grace	1905	Anderson, H. P.	1	27	19	19	1							29			13	1	12	15	1	3	14				6				
*39	Ponca	Salem	1871	Mikesell, Wm. (sec'y)	1	239	191	140												12	100	75	1	14	115	40	20		30				
40	Potter	First Luth.	1892	Kahse, W. T.	1	40	31	25	2		4							4		1								1	1	11	4				
41	Rising City	First Luth.	1883	Vosseler, E. A.	1	184	123	112	4	12	2	9	3	10		1			2	1	75	75	1	17	140				9			3	2
42	Sidney	Trinity	1886	Kahse, W. T.	1	109	66	60	10		2	1	4	4	1			2	4	6	27	35	1	9	50				1			4	
43	Gurley	Grace	1916	Kahse, W. T.	1	115	60	60	3	10	2		10		1	2		2	6	2	35	40	1	9	68	5	30		2				1
44	So. Sioux City	Redeemer	1920	Mortensen, G. E.	1	139	105	63	13	3	3	14	13	1				2	8	1	40	40	1	10	76		25		22				
45	Stamford	Trinity	1888	Ellmers, C. H. (sec'y)	1	121	70	60	12		2						1			30	30	25	1	9	60								1
46	Stamford	Emmanuel		Groseclose, A. L.	1	54	45	34	3							27				2	20	15	1	7	69				6				
47	Stella	Trinity	1886	Schwerdtfeger, A. B.	1	77	42	27	1			2		2		12	1	1	4	1	30	15	1	6	48		2		2			1	
48	Tekamah	Emmanuel	1876	Utesch, J. H.	1	85	51	45		1				4			1		3	15	53	50	1	11	43	30	6			1		6	
49	Verdon	St. Mark's	1883	Young, Alfred W.	1	253	151	128	7		1		1					3		30	50	75	1	16	189		16		4	1		2	
50	Wolbach	Trinity	1903	White, R. A.	1	228	140	110	28		2	18	2			7	1	1	22	1	60	70	1	8	69	10	12		26	1		3	2
51	Ericson	First Luth.	1896	White, R. A.	1	42	34	25	2					2						2	24	17	1	1		12							
52	Walton	Grace	1916	Greenawalt, H. L.	1	139	92	85	10							2	1	3	4	1	45	40	1	10	65	53	12		10				2
†53	Eagle	Trinity		Greenawalt, H. L.	1	51	43	35						2			1															
54	Wayne	St. Paul's	1881	Stager, Guy L.	1	391	270	202	27			22	4	1		10	3	6	36	10	30	140	1	12	108				32			1	4
55	Wilber	First Luth.	1889	Cordts, C. A. (sply)	1	165	46	38												1	40	25	1	15	85							1	1
56	West Point	Grace	1874	Klink, W. A.	1	567	427	315	19		2	12	1				2	6	15	31	200	200	1	25	225		62		11			4	14
*57	York	First Luth.	1903	Newcomer, W. (sply)	1	109	80	46													35	25	1	10	40		13			1			
35	Leigh	St. John's	1919	Koolen, M.	1	216	128	128	8			8					1	7		15	80	75	1	16	135		40		14			3	1
§58	Hubbard			Laurson, L. (sply)	1	25	20	15				7																	7				
59	India			Raun, J. J.	..	1	1	1																									
60	So. America	Argentina		Machetzki, Paul	..	1	1	1																									
61	Africa			Block, Fred	..	1	1	1																									
62	Synod			Rangeler, W. F.	..	1	1	1																									
63	Retired			Keller, S. L.	..	1	1	1																									
64	Retired			Lipe, L. L.	..	1	1	1																									
	Total			1924	58	16816	11275	7749	639	196	183	510	300	276	20	212	67	265	585	692	4610	5570	59	843	7355	586	1061	2	6	60	1231	18	2	74	190
	Total			'923	57	15355	11047	7803	646	97	193	554	237	221	18	215	77	190	610	759	4022	791	57	834	6788	468	831	2	2	22	1122	11	1	66	208
		Increase			1	1461	228			99			63	55	2		3	10	75	25	67		588	4779	2	9	567	118	230		4	38	109	7	1	8	
		Decrease						54	7		10	44				3																	18

*No Report (7)

†Partial Report (2)

‡Application Pending (1)

§Re-opened (1)

PAROCHIAL REPORT OF THE NEBRASKA SYNOD

Index Number	PAROCHIAL						FINANCIAL																					
	Church Societies						Valuation of Church Property							Congregational Exp			Congregational Benevolence									Summary		
	Men's		Women's		Young People												Apportioned			Unapportioned								
	Number	Members	Number	Members	Number	Members	Church edifices	Parsonages	School and Parish Houses	Endowment	Other Property	Total Valuation	Indebtedness	Current	Unusual	Total	Paid	Excess	Deficit	Education	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Inner Missions	Other Benevolence	Total Unapportioned	Total Benevolence	Total Expenditures	
35			1	22	1	16	2000	3000				5000		1000	275	1275	42		130							42	1317	
36			1	14			2000					2000		450		450	28		80							28	478	
37	1	18	1	52	1	20	20000	7000			300	27300	400															
38			1	8			3000	1500				4800		200	50	250	120			5	25				30	150	400	
39			1	41			8000	4000				12000		1507	40	1547	447	56		27	50		155		232	979	2426	
40			1	32			6500	2000			250	8750		910	185	1095	211		34	120			5	32	157	368	1463	
41			1	20			4000					4000		811	188	999	198		30							198	1197	
42	1	20	1	24	1	16					1500	1500		1188	1500	2688	275		9				20		20	295	2983	
43			1	15			2300	3800				6100	620	1073		1073	145		126					92	92	237	1310	
44			1	23	1	50								230		230	68		105	27			4	27	58	126	356	
45			1	18			4000	3000		1100		8100		1106	110	1216	160		250							410	1626	
46			2	40	2	59	2000	4000				6000		1720	857	2577	202						55	178	233	435	3012	
47			2	32	1	24	22000	3000		500		25500	200	1987	45	2032	407		217		250			114	364	771	2803	
48			2	36	1	16	4000					4000		969	632	1601	276		296		12		18		30	306	1907	
49							1200					1200	150	78		78	56		69	2			6		8	64	142	
50			2	40			10000	4000				14000	500	1400	125	1525	200		221	70				25	95	295	1820	
51			1	12			5000					5000		350	2	352				75					75	75	427	
52			2	35			10000	4000				14000		1495	225	1720	476		616					63	63	539	2259	
53			2	28	1	15	4000	2000				6000		1172		1172	125		60	30					30	155	1327	
54	1	40	1	20	1	25	40000	5000				45000	600	3437	1171	4608	1638			61	51			247	359	1997	6605	
55	1	18	3	61			4500	4500				9000	1450				144		127							144	144	
56			1	20	1	78	15000	7000				22000	3300	1822	3355	5177	150		400					150	150	300	5477	
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	18	615	76	2389	53	1538	993000	145700	15000	1100	127700	1282500	68310	114431	35124	149555	22947	262	4020	5079	2621	8363	2860	6677	25600	48439	198697	
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	3				4								10575		6964			193		389		4999		1775	6729	986		

REPORT OF STATISTICIANS—Continued

so far as they present the actual facts. The accuracy of the statistician's report depends on the truthfulness of the report from the pastors. The greatest grief of a statistician is the carelessness of some of our pastors who forget their responsibility in furnishing correct reports and on time. Fifty per cent of the reports had to be corrected. This shows an improvement of one hundred per cent over last year's report. Out of the fifty-two reports received only fifteen came in on the requested date. The reports as a whole show a decided improvement over last year's. This, no doubt, is due to the special study of the Parochial Report at the Spring Conferences. Pastors who left parishes failed to carry out last year's ruling "that when a pastor leaves a parish during the Synodical year he be requested to send in a parochial report for his congregation up to that date."

Analysis

Congregations	58	Increase	1
Membership:			
Baptized	16,816	Increase	1,461
Confirmed	11,275	Increase	228
Communing	7,749	Decrease	54
Church Schools	59	Increase	2
Officers and Teachers	843	Increase	9
Scholars	7,355	Increase	567
Catechumens	1,231	Increase	109
Students:			
For the Ministry	18	Increase	7
In Lutheran Schools	74	Increase	8
In Non-Lutherans Schools	190	Decrease	18
Church Societies:			
Men's	15	Decrease	3
Membership	643	Increase	28
Women's	81	Increase	5
Membership	2,568	Increase	179
Y. P. S.	49	Decrease	4
Membership	1,827	Increase	289
Church Property:			
Church Edifices	$1,002,300	Increase	9,900
Parsonages	146,300	Increase	600
Schools	15,000	.....	.....
Endowment	3,100	Increase	2,000
Other Property	131,059	Increase	3,359
Total	1,298,559	Increase	16,059
Indebtedness	57,735	Decrease	10,575
Financial:			
Congregational Expenses:			
Current	$ 123,927	Increase	9,496
Unusual	28,160	Decrease	6,964
Total	152,087	Increase	5,385

Congregational Benevolences:			
Apportioned	28,392	Increase	5,392
Unapportioned	18,871	Decrease	6,729
Total	47,453	Decrease	986

Total expenditures, $199.540.00; increase, $843.00.

Note: Fifteen congregations paid their apportionment in full against seventeen last year; three showed an excess against six last year; thirty-two showed a deficit against thirteen last year and seven had no reports against thirteen of last year.

Note: Were it not for the total net gain of 210 of one congregation, our Synod would have had the small increase of 18, and six of this number are pastors who should have been counted last year.

We must again request our pastors to exercise the grace of promptness and thus lighten the burden of your Synodical servants.

Recommendations

1. That we again request the conferences of our Synod to make provisions for the study of the Parochial Report at their Spring sessions.

2. That the Statistician be authorized to indicate with an asterisk those churches which fail to send their reports on time.

3. That in the future all ministers of our Synod be counted in the membership columns.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN,
Statistician.

The report of the Historian, Rev. R. A. White, was read and adopted.

HISTORIAN REPORT

Your Historian reports that there has been but very little call for historical information this year, and hence there has been but little correspondence, and the small postage bill has been donated.

During the year there were three accessions to the clerical roll of Synod by transfer from other Synods. One by licensure and one by ordination, and two from other Lutheran bodies by vote of the Synod, making seven in all. Adding these to the roll of last year makes a total of 52, from which must be deducted the following losses: Two by death, one by voluntary surrender of credentials and five by transfer to other Synods, making eight losses, and leaving our present roll at 44, or a net loss of one.

There have been 336 accessions to the clerical membership of the Synod since its organization in 1871.

Respectfully submitted,

HISTORIAN

Rev. Frank Heilman, D. D., Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, representing both the Home Mission Board and Foreign Mission Board, addressed the Synod.

Mr. Paulus List of the Lutheran Publication House, Chicago, addressed the Synod.

The report of the Secretary of the Church Schools, Rev. R. E. Rangeler, was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHURCH SCHOOLS OF THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA

Briefly would we gather together the facts which reveal to us the work being done by the Church Schools of our Synod. Our Statistician reports 59 Church Schools in the Synod. We received but 30 reports, hence at best this report will be incomplete.

The following figures are those of the statician. Number of Church Schools, 59; officers and teachers, 843. Number of scholars, 7,355. Home or extension department, 586. Cradle Roll, 1,061. These figures show an increase over last year of two schools, nine officers and teachers and 567 scholars. Two week day schools are reported, one from Benson and the other from Potter, Nebr. Six teachers and 60 scholars are reported from these two schools. Thus a beginning in week day schools has been made in our Synod.

We are glad to note an icrease in the general interest in the work of the Church Schools. The visit of Dr. Lewis, who recently conducted seven Conferences in the churches of our Synod, has undoubtedly given a great impetus to the work. Church workers are gaining a new conception of the task, of its worthwhileness and necessity. The Church at large is beginning to realize that the Church School is calling for consecrated and trained workers, that the youth of our homes and communities might receive a Christian training. To give us a general view of the work we will speak of the following phases of the work.

ORGANIZATION—Practically all schools are graded in their organizations. This important matter is, therefore, taken care of. The whole Church at School must mean that the School be graded according to ages and the needs of the different ages.

INSTRUCTION—With graded organization there must go graded instruction. Practically all schools report graded instruction to a greater or less degree. The uniform graded lessons published by our Publication House seems to be the lessons most extensively used. Very few use the Luthran graded lessons as yet.

TRANING AND PREPARATION FOR TEACHING—Only six congregations report teacher training classes in their schools. Here is the one weak spot in our Church Schools. Standards to be attained by the teaching force of our schools are not very well defined as yet. We hope

the day will soon come when the Church will ask definite preparation and training on the part of its Church School teachers. Workers' Conference or Teachers' Meetings of some sort are held by practically all of the schools reporting. The nature of these meetings vary greatly, from a business meeting held once a quarter to a meeting once a month combining worship, instruction, business and social periods.

Twenty schools report a promotion day, thus giving the idea of definite progress in their work to the scholars. Missionary and Temperance Instruction are taken care of in a special way by only a few of the schools. On a whole this important phase of the Church School work is being sadly neglected.

Benevolent Offerings—Two schools report the use of offering envelopes, and only 13 schools report the sending of benevolent contributions to the Synodical treasurer. We are not training the future Church in the matter of benevolent interest as we should.

Respectfully submitted,

COMMITTEE.

Rev. E. Walters, Superintendent of Tabitha Home, Lincoln, Nebraska, gave a report on the condition of the home.

TABITHA HOME

Superintendent's Report, 1923-24.

Brethren:

We are almost persuaded to call the past year the best of the twelve years we have had the privilege to manage the affairs of the Home. Indeed, we do owe thanks unto our God for the wonderous things he had done for Tabitha Home in the past years and especially during the year, 1923-24. May we thank Him with hands and hearts and voices. 110 guests, 56 children and 54 aged and infirm found shelter and care at Tabitha Home during the past year.

The Orphanage

Cared for 56 children; 30 boys and 26 girls. We received 14; 21 were dismissed. In the Home at the end of the year, July 31, 1924, 35 children, 22 boys and 13 girls; at the present time 43. There has been sickness among the children as usual. We are still enjoying the privilege of not being obligated to report a death in the Orphanage.

The number of guests in the Aged Department was 54; 32 men, 22 women. The following were admitted: Mrs. Rose Kendall, Lincoln, Nebr., 64 years of age; Miss Sena Andersen, Ponca, Nebr., a crippled maiden lady, 50 years of age; John J. Glandt, Omaha, Nebr., 72 years of age; Hans Konrad Fotsch, Muscatine, Iowa, 91 years of age; Rev. F. H. Kuhlman, Hastings, Nebr., oldest pastor of the U. L. C., 94 years of age; Mr. George Henry Heisenbuettel, Fremont, Nebr., 81 years of age.

The following 7 of our aged folks died during the past year: Casper Haggist, 86 years old; Edward Edwards, 84 years of age; Leonhard Koehler, Ph. D., 73 years of age; Auguste Ritze, 80 years of age; Jakob Duwalder, deaf and dumb, 86 years of age; William Beyer, 73 years of age; John Nelson Corey, crippled and blind, 67 years of age. 43 aged, 25 men, 18 women were in the Home July 31st; two men were admitted on probation a few weeks ago, making a total of 45 at present. The two are Mr. Julius Straus, Belmont, Wisconsin, and Mr. Herman Adler, Lipscomb, Texas.

Improvements and Repairs

Aside from the usual repairs to be made every year as painting of some rooms and repairing of the heating and water system, no extensive repairs were made this year.

Finances

Receipts and disbursements for the past year according to the Auditor's report were as follows:

Contributions received at Home office	$ 3,687.76
Aged Department and Entrance Fees	10,106.46
Orphanage	2,312.00
District Synods	6,815.84
United Lutheran Church	11,547.00
Tabitha Messenger	9.00
Bequests	9,185.89
Total Income	$43,723.45
Disbursements for all purposes amounted to	$31,138.30

The following bequests were received during the yast year: A bequest from Miss Anna T. Kiser of Trinity Lutheran Church of Pittsburgh, Pa., in the amount of $8,148.89. Another bequest of $1,000.00 from an old bachelor, Mr. Hiram Christ, of Osborne, Kansas, with whom we corresponded about this matter a few years before his death.

The Inner Mission Board contemplated again to reduce the apportionment or recommend a reduction on the Tabitha Home apportionment. We plead with them to postpone the reduction. Mr. Bachman with whom we discussed this matter at the Inner Mission Conference at Milwaukee promised to do his best to persuade the Finance Committee not to make or recommend any reduction to the convention at Chicago. It seems he did not quite succeed. However, instead of a reduction of $5,000.00, one of $2,000.00 will be recommended. Of course, the convention will adopt this recommendation, except we succeed in convincing them that we need the full apportionment of $15,000.00 for the reason that the receipts amount to only 65 per cent of the amount apportioned.

The New Building

The new building, thanks to the bequests received during the year, has grown considerably. The amount would be even larger if the en-

tire amounts of the bequests could have been added to the fund. That was impossible and is impossible in almost every institution. Some homes could not do the work they are doing if they would not have received a number of generous bequests every year. I mean to say they are compelled to use all or a large amount of it for current expenses. We have been fairly well successful in churches which gave us permission to present the New Building proposition. Of course, the Midland Campaign and the Compaign of the Martin Luther Seminary did, to considerable extent, influence in the wrong direction, of course, our endeavor for the New Building Fund. There are at present about $27,000.00 in the New Building Fund. Unpaid pledges amount to about $15,000. We should begin the erection of the new building not later than early next spring.

With sincere thanks to all the pastors and congregations of the Nebraska Synod for the support given Tabitha Home during the past year, which was more generous than before and the likewise sincere and urgent plea to continue this noble work, to let Tabitha have your gifts of love and your prayers.

P. S.—Churches and the several societies of the churches sent to Tabitha Home during the past year $160.72 for the General Fund, $55.00 for the New Building Fund; 1,486 quarts of fruit, 9 cases of eggs, and several hundred dollars worth of provisions and clothing.

CHAS. S. BREAM.

By motion the Historian of Synod was authorized to gather facts concerning the history of Tabitha Home and that that production be kept in the archives of Synod.

The report of the Secretary of the Young People's Societies, Rev. George Dorn, was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF YOUNG PEOPLES' SOCIETIES

This is an age of organization. Men and women are speaking with pride of the number of societies and committees to which they belong. It is an age of superficial effort which seeks to excuse its greater responsibility in various less important channels. The definite cry of our youth for instruction, for guidance and for fellowship, seems to have no response and significance for many of our men. Appeal after appeal to organize Young People's Societies seems to fall on irresponsive hearts. The men and women who shall play a leading part in the Church of tomorrow, are crying for help and guidance to the church of today. Shall we heed their cry? The pastor who fails to realize the importance of a Young People's Society in his church misses one of the greatest opportunities in his life.

A Step Forward

As your Secretary I attended all Executive Committee meetings of the State Luther League of Nebraska, and also the Convention at Hast-

ings. The dream of a Hospice for Lutheran Young People who come to the great city of Omaha is about to be realized. The State Luther League at its convention in Hastings voted to favor the establishment of a Hospice. It appointed a committee to work out the plans outlined and prepare a definite report a year hence. This is a great step forward. The League in the past has failed to achieve greater things simply because it lacked a concrete objective. Leagues who have heard about it are enthusiastic. The General Secretary of the Luther League of America endorsed it most heartily. The League is appealing to Synod for assistance in this large undertaking. This is the first time that our young people come to us with a request for help. These leaders of the church of tomorrow deserve the help and encouragement of the church of today.

Statistics

The Statistical Secretary's report shows forty-nine young people's societies with a membership of 1827, an increase of 289.

Recommendations

1. That Synod grant the request of the State Luther League to assist them in their Hospice enterprise to the amount of $200.00.
2. That Synod give again one page in its printed minutes to the State Luther League of Nebraska for listing the names and addresses of its officers. See copy attached.
3. That Synod again authorize this office to procure all necessary literature to aid newly organized societies.
4. That the President of Synod be requested to urge organization of Luther Leagues throughout the Synod.

Respectfully Submitted,

GEORGE DORN,
Secretary.

OFFICERS OF STATE LUTHER LEAGUE

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MAX J. HARDER, First Vice President, 1643 North Nye Avenue, Fremont, Nebraska.

VERNA BOTSCH, Second Vice President, Madison, Nebraska.

CARL TAEDTER, Third Vice President, Hastings, Nebraska.

MARIE HELZER, Recording Secretary, Normal, Nebraska.

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FRED WALTER, Treasurer, Creston, Nebraska.

REV. GEORGE DORN, Synodical Secretary, Young People's Work, 2606 Farnam St., Omaha, Nebraska.

Chairmen of Standing Committees.

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Objectives

1. Education, Life Service and Missions.
2. A Luther League Hospice in Omaha.
3. A Luther League in every congregation in Nebraska.
4. A real Luther League program at the Midland Assembly.
5. Helping the Lutheran Students in the University of Nebraska.
6. Support of Midland College and urging young people to attend.

Rev. and Mrs. Albert Schwerdtferger were introduced to Synod.

Rev. Charles S. Breams reported the program for the next meeting of Synod, also gave the report on the state of the church. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM FOR FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE SYNOD OF NEBRASKA.

COMMUNION SERMON—Reev. R. E. Rangeler; Alternate, Rev. W. A. Klink.

ORDINATION SERMAN—Rev. R. W. Livers; Alternate, Rev. G. E. Mortenson.

CHAPLAIN– Rev. R. A. White; Alternate, Rev. G. B. Weaver.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

Your committee on the State of the Church respectfully submits the following report:

The great majority of the churches report the outlook for the coming year very encouraging. When the membership served by the pastors reporting is considered, it represents, indeed, a large percentage of our people. Special reasons given for this encouraging outlook include unusually large enrollment in catechetical classes, willingness of members to do personal work, new and larger equipment anticipated and planned for and other evidences of God's blessing upon them.

It is to be lamented that so few churches report a mid-week devotional service. That this condition should exist in a few of the city churches, where multiplied interests and inconvenient transportation facilities militate against the mid-week meeting is not surprsing. But in smaller towns the mid-week devotional service is fraught with great possibilities and should not be dispensed with lightly.

The reports on the number of hours of religious instruction provided for leave much to be desired. It is to be hoped that the time is not far distant when some concerted plan of getting week-day religious instruction may be agreed upon and its establishment realized.

The very few cases of workers with any special training reported call for two observations. First, it emphasizes the great responsibility of the pastor as the only trained authority in the parish. Second, it causes us to feel that some short but accurate and practical course in religious work, especially in modern church school methods should be given in our colleges. The colleges depend upon the church for their support and should feel a greater responsibility for training church school workers, especially those who cannot attend the college for the full four years, or even for one full year at a time.

We report with great satisfaction the fact that Evangelization is receiving more attention among our people. We believe that the methods of Peter on the day of Pentecost cannot be ignored entirely if we are to be a truly Evangelical church.

The majority of the pastors report that they realize their responsibility to minister to the whole man. We believe that our pastors should become increasingly aware of the problems their people face seven days in the week, and should seek to fortify them for successfully coping with these problems. Many of the pastors expressed a desire to have their Synod help analyse the needs of humanity which the church should meet, and would use this help in ministering thereto.

A spirit of Christian kindliness among all Protestant churches and church members is reflected by most of the reports. It is to be hoped that for the sake of the Christ, Whose body we are, this spirit may be fostered and encouraged.

We believe, from a careful persual of the reports, that the following is a fair and accurate summing up of the State of the Church in our Synod: Attention to the Sacrements is very good. The material prosperity of the churches has been above the general prosperity of the state. In the cases of family worship, holding and utilizing the force of the young people, and missionary interest, zeal and accomplishment there is much to be desired and the responsibility lies heavily upon the pastors.

Respectfully submitted, CHAS. S. BREAM, E. C. MORTENSEN.

Adjournment and prayer by Rev. J. Utesch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. H. L. Greenawalt led in prayer.

The report of the committee on Reference and Council. Report was adopted.

Rev. C. H. B. Lewis, D. D., representing the Parish and Church School Board, addressed the Synod.

The report of the Mission Committee was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE MISSION COMMITTEE

Your Committee on Missions herewith submits the following report:

Six meetings of the committee have been held within the year. All these meetings were held in Omaha. Seven parishes have been assisted by the Board of Home Missions during the past year as follows:

The Omaha First Church (Benson), Rev. G. B. Weaver, pastor.

Chalco-Elkhorn, Rev. H. F. Schmidt, pastor.

Leigh, St. John's Church, Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., pastor.

Paxton-Sutherland, Rev. H. P. Anderson, pastor.

Sidney-Gurley-Potter, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., pastor.

South Sioux City, Rev. G. E. Mortensen, pastor.

York, (vacant).

The First Church of Omaha, (Benson), Rev. G. B. Weaver, pastor; organized 1907. This church has changed pastors during the year. Rev. O. W. Ebright closed his pastorate November 1, 1923, to become Missionary Superintendent of the Rocky Mountain Synod. During the winter months the services were taken care of by supplies from the Seminary. The President of Synod conducted the Communion services on January 13. Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Omaha organized and conducted the Catechetical class, the members of which were confirmed at Easter time. Rev. G. B. Weaver was extended a call to this church to take effect Junt 1, 1924. Upon that date Rev.. Weaver was duly installed as pastor by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., of Omaha, acting by appointment of the President. The church has made commendable progress. There is a fine spirit of devotion, a willingness to work in the Master's Kingdom and a hearty co-operation in all the departments of the church. The financial obligations, both local and benevolent, have been met in full. The street in front of the church property has been paved. Pastor and members are to be congratulated upon their progress and we look forward to the church becoming self-supporting in the not distant future.

Chalco-Elkhorn, Rev. Schmidt, pastor. Rev. Schmidt has labored in this field during the year in the midst of considerable discouragement. The church property, which had been purchased at Elkhorn, has been improved, furnishings were brought from the church at Surprise, Neb., including pews, chancel furniture, chairs, etc., and installed in this church. The church was dedicated May 25, 1924. The President of Synod preached the dedicatory serman and Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., chairman of the Mission Committee, assisted in the services. There remains an indebtedness of approximately $750. The number of communion members at present is 50. The Chalco congregation consists of 42 members and worships in the room in the public school building. We commend the progress made in the material advancement at Elkhorn, and trust that with the increase of interest of the people in this community, these churches may go forward to larger developments.

Self-Supporting

Leigh, St. John's Church, Rev. M. Koolen, D. D., pastor; organized 1919. It is not often that a mission church makes the rapid progress that has been witnessed in this field. After two years and six months of support from the Home Mission Board, this congregation at a meeting called for the purpose, May 4, 1924, presented the following resolution: "Resolved that we are very grateful to the Board of Home Missions for the splendid and generous support given to us in the last two years and six months and that we instruct our Secretary to inform the Board of Home Missions that, beginning with June 1, 1924, we will become self-supporting as long as the St. Peter's Church of Creston is connected with our parish." A letter accompanying this resolution sets forth these facts. The church now has a splendid property of $22,000, with only a small indebtedness remaining thereon. The money was given by the members, the congregation having no bazaars, suppers, etc. Five years ago there were 14 members and no church property. It now has the respect of the community, is self-supporting, has a Sunday School enrollment of 181 and a Luther League of 75 active members. The support of the Home Mission Board has been profitable in this field. May this prosperity continue that this field of the United Lutheran Church in America may continue to be strong and influential in the extension of the Master's Kingdom at home and abroad. We congratulate pastor and people upon the attainment made in their work.

Paxton-Sutherland, Rev. H. P. Anderson, pastor; was a self-supporting charge but by reason of an extended vacancy of more than two years, it became necessary to assist this charge in the securing of a pastor. Accordingly, Rev. H. P. Anderson of the United Danish Synod was called to this field through the assistance of the Board of Home Missions and began his labors May 1, 1924. Laboring among much difficulty and spiritual indifference, the work is taking on new life and we trust the time will soon come when this charge can go back to self-support and become one of the strong parishes of our Synod. The earnest pastor presents himself at this meeting of Synod for enrollment as a member of our Synod.

Sidney-Gurley-Potter, Rev. W. T. Kahse, D. D., pastor. Trinity church of Sidney organized 1886. This date will indicate that this congregation is by no means a new mission. It has passed through many difficult circumstances, but we are pleased to note a steady progress under the able management of the devoted missionary who was formerly the Missionary Superintendent of our Synod and who, while serving in that capacity, resided for a while on the Sidney field, and gave much of his time to this charge. He is now the settled pastor and covers, in his labors, a large missionary field, including Gurdley and Potter and he has done some advance work in different surrounding points. Many Sundays he preaches three times and drives sixty-two miles. The church property at Sidney is in good condition. The congregation erected a garage this summer for the convenience of the pastor at a cost of $225.

With continued effort, the Sidney congregation will become a strong force for the church in the western part of our Synod. It now enrolls 60 members.

The Grace Church at Gurley, Neb., also served by Dr. Kahse, was organized in 1916. The people of this congregation have passed through very trying financial circumstances but nevertheless have maintained a fine spirit of devotion and sacrifice in carrying on the work in their church. Our visits to this church have always found a deep and consecrated interest and a good attendance of the people. Their liberality in the midst of their trying circumstances is commendable as an example to the other churches of our Synod. This church has enlarged the tower of the church and hung a bell in the same at a total cost of $250. The bell was donated from the disbanded church at Waverly. Pastor and people are to be congratulated upon the spirit that obtains in this church.

In connection with the churches at Sidney and Gurley, Dr. Kahse has also served the congregation at Potter, Neb., and during the summer conducted Bible school, which resulted in the addition of several members to the congregation and much general benefit to the community in spiritual things. The work at Potter has not only held its own but a commendable progress. Repairs have been placed in the church building at a cost of $100.

South Sioux City, Rev. George E. Mortensen, pastor; organized 1920. This is one of our promising missions. It is in a city of growing population and has taken on a fine spirit of activity and is rapidly moving forward to larger things. A new and larger lot in a more desirable location has been secured at the cost of $1,500. A project for a new church building is now on and a considerable sum of money subscribed by the people and friends of the congregation toward this new building. The membership has shown a commendable increase enrolling at present 109 confirmed members. Under the faithful service of Pastor Mortensen a vigorous Brotherhood has been organized which has proven a strong factor in the advancement of the work in this field. Also a Light Brigade and a Young Ladies' Missionary Society have been organized within the year. The rapid progress in this congregation is not a question of opportunities, but solely a question of financial support. The opportunity is there. We trust the support will rapidly come that will give to these people a convenient and attractive place of worship. The present housing of the congregation is inadequate, uncomfortable, unattractive and against the progress of the work. The fact that so much progress has been made under these circumstances shows the devotion and zeal of the pastor and people in this congregation.

York, (vacant); organized 1903. This congregation was served by Rev. G. B. Weaver until June 1, 1924, when he closed his labors here to accept a call to the Benson field. During the summer, Student Herbert Neve of Wittenberg Theological Seminary, son of Dr. Neve, a professor in that institution, supplied this mission. Under his zealous activity, the congregation was held together through the summer and some pro-

gress made. The Mission has reached a critical period and much now depends upon the interest that may be quickened in the congregation and the pastoral over-sight that may be secured for them. Measures are now being taken to maintain their services and to secure a suitable pastor as soon as possible.

Miscellaneous

In addition to the above the Home Mission Committee has out of its own funds assisted the Stamford Church for four months, ending February 1, 1924, by the appropriation toward the salary of Rev. C. W. Seville, who was then serving as a temporary supply. Since February 1, 1924, the congregation has been meeting its own expenses without assistnce. Rev. Seville left the field July 7, 1924. During the past month the field has been supplied by Rev. E. H. Kreutz, who is an applicant for admission into our Synod at this meeting. The congregation at Stamford will likely be able to go forward upon its own resources.

The Home Mission Committee has also appropriated during the year to supplement the appropriation by the Board of Home Missions at Sidney-Gurley, York, South Sioux City, Chalco-Elkhorn and it at present appropriating to supplement the support of the Board in the new work at Lincoln, Neb.

New Work.

Spring Valley Lutheran Church, Rev. C. R. Lowe, pastor; organized 1923. A movement for work in this community was started over a year ago under the direction of Rev. W. T. Kahse, then Missionary Superintendent of the Synod. On December 16, 1923, the President of Synod visited this field together with the pastor at Beatrice, Rev. C. R. Lowe, held services in the school house and effected a temporary organization, placing the work under the care of Rev. C. R. Lowe, pastor at Beatrice, Neb. Rev. Lowe has effected a permanent organization under the above title of Spring Valley Lutheran Church, and is at the present time carrying on the work and presents the application of this congregation for admission into the Nebraska Synod at this meeting. He reports a membership of 24. This work was accomplished without any appropriation from the Mission funds of the church.

Bridgeport; on July 20, 1924, Sunday School and church services were begun in this western city of Nebraska, and carried on through the summer until October 1, by Student Henry Dumler of the Western Theological Seminary. This was made possible by an appropriation of the Home Mission Board. Sunday School and services were held in a fraternity hall which was rented for the purpose. A congregation of about 35 souls has been gathered together. It is planned to maintain the Sunday School and such preaching services as can be given throughout the winter in the hope of renewing the work next summer on the same plan as before, in the hope that in the near future a congregation may be organized and a church established in Bridgeport.

Lincoln, St. James Lutheran Church; Miss Mabel I. Brazda, Parish worker. A survey of the district on Randolph Street, Lincoln, was made by the President of Synod this summer, a property purchased at the

corner of Fortieth and Randolph Sts., 6 blocks in from Tabitha Home, at a cost of $3,450. Sunday School was opened in the residence on the property September 7, 1924, and the whole work placed under the care of Miss Mabel I. Brazda, a trained parish worker of our church, who last year took the parish worker's training course at Baltimore, Md. Appropriations for the work are made by the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension. Our local Home Mission committee supplemented the appropriation. 75 were in attendance at the first session of Sunday School. The first sermon was preached September 14 by Rev. R. L. Patterson, D. D., of Western Theological Seminary. Since that time, the President of Synod has conducted the services each Sunday. On the last Sunday prior to this report, 105 attended the Sunday School, which now has an enrollment of 124. It is hoped soon to effect an organization and secure a pastor for the field. The rapid progress not only shows the efficient service of the parish worker, but also the opportunities of the field.

New Opportunities

Several of these are very urgent and work should be started without delay. The great need in order that we may avail ourselves of these urgent new opportunities is that we might have suitable men and sufficient means.

At a meeting of the committee, held November 13, 1923, Mr. Arthur V. Enholm, 448 Peters Trust Building, Omaha, Nebr., was elected treasurer of the funds of this Committee. He is serving in this capacity at the present, and his financial report is herewith appended.

The President of Synod has acted as Missionary Superintendent during the year. It is realized that the details of his office are too many and varied to admit of his giving the time and attention to the Missionary work which it should have, if the different fields of opportunities are to be occupied and we urge the Synod, if there be any way possible, to direct the Home Mission Committee to employ at least one field missionary.

Inasmuch as no levy was made for the work of this committee last year, and inasmuch as the emergency funds have had to be drawn upon continuously this year, it will be absolutely necessary to place the work of the committee back upon the budget for the coming year and we recommend an apportionment of 15 cents per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE.

REV. W. I. GUSS, D. D., Chairman,
REV. W. F. RANGELER, D. D., Sec'y and Supt.
REV. A. K. WALBORN,
REV. R. R. WEISMILLER,
REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.,
MR. R. B. WELLER,
MR. GEORGE RASMUSSEN,

Committee.

Omaha, Nebr., October 15, 1924.

This is to certify that we have this date audited the books of the Synodical Mission Board and found the same to be correct with one exception.

Cash, according to bank statement		$423.74
Vouchers issued, but not paid:		
No. 587	$ 8.34	
No. 588	11.67	
No. 589	25.00	
No. 590	10.00	
Balance per Treasurer's record	368.73	
	$423.74	$423.74

Cash on hand	$368.73	
Securities:		
Time Certificate	$426.73	State Bank of Omaha
Time Certificate	300.00	State Bank of Omaha
Time Certificate	200.00	State Bank of Omaha

These certificates were issued more than a year ago and the Treasurer should be instructed to collect the interest on them and have them extended, as in their present shape they do not draw interest.

We are unable to locate any authority in the minutes relative to warrant No. 582, W. I. Guss, $3.76.

Respectfully submitted,
T. H. GLOYER, H. W. FISCHER,
Auditing Committee.

Rev. J. F. Krueger, D. D., President of Midland College, Rev. Nels Lundgren, of Zion Lutheran Church, Omaha, and Miss Mabel I. Brazda, Parish Worker, Lincoln, Nebraska, were introduced to Synod.

Rev. J. F. Kreuger, D. D., was made an Advisory member of Synod. The report of the committee on Ministerial Education was read. The report was amended to the effect that the amount of help in the case of Mr. Amend, be changed from $175.00 to $200.00. The amendment carried.

By motion the recommendations of the Ministerial Education Committee were considered item by item. Items 1, 2, 3 and 4 were accepted. Item 5 was stricken.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

In the Providence of God we are glad to report to Synod another year's work of the importance of interesting and helping young men to prepare for the Gospel Ministry, and the Nebraska Synod has a good record along this line. Each year there are as many applications for aid as Synod is able to assist. Sometimes there are more calls than cen be answered.

At the present time there are a goodly number of students in Midland College and the Western Theological Seminary looking forward to the great work of preaching the Gospel. Some time this year the congregations of Synod should have another Father and Son banquet to emphasize the need of more young men for the ministry. Each pastor should keep a record of the boys who are considering the noble calling of the ministry. And such a record should also be kept in the office of Midland College.

During the last year six young men received aid.

Alfred Young, Senior in the Seminary	$200.00
Walter Voss, Middler in the Seminary	200.00
Max Harder, Middler in the Seminary	200.00
Edward Amend, Irregular Senior in College	200.00
Henry Scherer, Junior in College, attending the summer session	75.00
One young man in the Pacific Seminary	200.00
Total	$1,075.00

The last few years the work in the Western Theological Seminary has been somewhat disarranged or interfered with to a certain extent because so many of the students have been out preaching over Sunday. That may apparently help some congregations, but it is without doubt detrimental to the student's preparation. It is seen in the grades of some of the young men.

Owing to such a condition the faculty of the Seminary adopted the following regulation on September 19, 1924:

"It is the judgment of the faculty: (1) That we disapprove of any student's preaching during the Junior year; (2) That no student shall be permitted to preach, unless he does satisfactory work in the class; (3) That the arrangement for preaching must be made through the Dean of the Seminary." The matter of the students' pulpit supply is to be regulated as follows:

"Seniors shall preach not more than three Sundays out of four during the month.

Middlers are permitted to preach twice, but not more than three times a month, and not more than once in the same congregation.

Juniors shall not preach at all, unless under exceptional conditions with special permission by the faculty."

One of our young men, Alfred Young, is here for ordination. He is pastor of the Verdon congregation. Two young men, Walter Voss and Max Harder, are here for licensure.

We submit the following recommendations:

1. That Synod assist the following young men to the amount opposite each one's name:

Walter A. Voss, Senior in the Seminary	$ 175.00
Max J. Harder, Senior in the Seminary	175.00
Erich Luschei, Junior in the Seminary	200.00

Edward Amend, Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Paul White, Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Henry Scherer, Irregular Junior in the Seminary	200.00
Herbert Dichsen, Freshman in the College	175.00
Total	$1,325.00

2. That Father and Son banquets be arranged and carried out this year and emphasis be laid upon the need of more men for the ministry. The arrangement for speakers be left to the Committee on Ministerial Education.

3. That Synod approve the action of the Faculty of the Western Theological Seminary in regard to the regulation of student supply work, and co-operate with the Faculty to make such action effective.

4. That the Ministerial Education Fund be granted $1,700.00 by the Apportionment Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER,
Chairman of Committee.

The report of the Protocol Committee was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed that congregations of this territory endeavor to raise the fifty cents per capita, toward the Salem Lutheran Church of Fremont, on the Sunday after the Thanksgiving or a date nearest that is suitable.

The Committee on Apportionment gave a tentative report.

Motion prevailed to make the matter concerning Midland College a special item at 9:30, Thursday morning. Mrs. A. E. Van Fleet, representing the Women's Missionary Society of Nebraska, brought greetings from that organization.

By motion a special committee was appointed to arrange a by-law to regulate the pooling of expenses. The committee: Rev. O. W. Ebright, Rev. C. R. Lowe, Joseph H. Miller.

The report of the Necrologist was read and adopted.

REPORT OF THE NECROLOGIST

During the year death has invaded our ranks and taken two of our clerical members, Rev. J. A. Koser and A. T. Ludwig.

1. Rev. J. A. Koser died at his home in Nebraska City July 6, 1924. Brother Koser was born of Lutheran parents in Shippensburg, Pa. He studied for the ministry in our institutions at Gettysburg, Pa. He was ordained in 1875, and was continually in the pastorate until about two years ago, when he was forced to retire on account of failing health. During this long period he served charges in Pennsylvania, Iowa, Nebraska and Missouri, and in every place did successful work. He rests from his labors and his works follow him.

2. Rev. A. T. Ludwig was graduated from Mount Airy Theological Seminary, Philadelphia, Pa., and was ordained by the Pennsylvania Ministerium in 1879. The same year he became pastor of our church at West Point and transferred his membership to the Nebraska Synod. After serving this charge several years he resigned and engaged in teaching in the public schools. While not serving any other charge he maintained his membership with us until his death at Allentown, Pa., July 25, 1924. His brother came into our Synod in the days of its pioneer history and had a part in its labors in the "day of small things." The place where once he labored with a small struggling mission, is now one of our large, flourishing congregations. His labors in the Lord were not in vain.

Resolved that the sympathies of this body be extended to the widow of our beloved Brother Koser and her family, and to any relatives of Brother Ludwig that may be known.

Resolved that this report be adopted by the rising vote while the President of Synod leads in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, R. A. WHITE,

The report of the Inner Mission Committee was read and aoopted.

REPORT OF THE INNER MISSION COMMITTEE

Your committee would again come before this body in behalf of the cause of Inner Missions, to emphasize the great need for the most hearty support to the given institution on this field, Tabitha Home.

Inasmuch as Tabitha Home is enlarging its plant to meet the pressing need of more room,

Therefore be it Resolved, That we as your committee recommend that all congregations of Synod set aside a special day for the purpose of taking up an offering for this most worthy cause..

Be it further resolved that Synod instruct its delegates to the General Convention to support the appeal made by the Superintendent of Tabitha Home for the continuation of the sum of $15,000.00 toward the maintenance of Tabitha Home.

Respectfully submitted, W. T. KAHSE,
H. L. GREENAWALT,
R. R. WEISMILLER,
Committee.

The report of the Committee on Constitution was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION

Your Committee on Constitution begs leave to submit the following report:

In accordance with the action taken by Synod last year, 1,000 copies of the Constitution have been printed in phamphlet form and are ready for distribution at this meeting of the Synod. One amendment was omitted from the by-laws in this printed copy. Amendment to Section VIII, Item 5 of the by-laws as enacted last year. See page 38 of printed minutes for 1923. The amendment pertains to the fixing of salaries of the officers of Synod. With this exception the Constitution is as amended to date. We suggest that each pastor have a copy of the Constitution filed with the minutes of his Council and that he see that as far as possible the congregation and Council are instructed in the essential things in this Constitution, especially as it pertains to the government of the congregations.

We respectfully ask that this committee, having completed its work, be discontinued.

Respectfully submitted,

W. F. RANGELER, Chairman
REV. W. I. GUSS, D. D.,
REV. C. B. HARMAN, D. D.,
REV. A. A. MAROHN.

The Committee on Midland College Assembly reported. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON MIDLAND ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE

We, your committee, met at Fremont December 6th, 1923, with representatives of the Women's Missionary Society, Young People's Society, Brotherhood and the College. A program was outlined, the time and place of meeting was arranged, and the following committees were appointed:

Program, Finance, Publicity, Entertainment, Recreation, Registration and Literature.

The assembly was held at Midland College June 5th to 10th. The program covered the various religious and church activities. The faculty consisted of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Cronk, Dr. and Mrs. D. Burt Smith, Rev. N. Lundgren, Rev. F. J. Weertz, and Dr. Herold. The evening programs consisted of lectures and music by the college glee clubs, the college musical faculty, Grace Lutheran Church Choir of Omaha and the Kountze Memorial Choir of Omaha. Also a play by the Omaha District League. The program was above our expectations. The registered attendance was 248.

The finance committee secured its funds by appealing to congregations throughout the Synod. The total amount received in cash by the treasurer was $584.81. The cash paid out, $384.81. Balance on hand in the bank, $35.00, and money deposited on interest, $200.00.

Recommendations

1. We recommend that Synod again appoint a committee to cooperate with the committees of the other Synodical societies and to continue the Midland Assembly for Church Workers.
2. That this committee be empowered to act in co-operation with other Synodical committees. However, this committee shall not incure any indebtedness for the Synod save that which is incidental to the committee meetings.
3. That we recommend to the various churches and congregational societies of the Synod that they give the Midland Assembly their hearty support and urge their members to avail themselves of the many good things offered at this assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. IRA GUSS,
R. W. LIVERS.

Adjournment.
Prayer by Rev. J. C. Hershey.

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE.

The service was conducted by Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., pastor Loci, and the secretary of Synod. The sermon was given by the Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D. The service of Licensure was conducted by the President of Synod, Rev. W. F. Rangeler, D. D., and the secretary. The following brethren were licensed: M. J. Harder, Wm. H. Saas, Walter A. Voss, and Alfred W. Young.

THURSDAY FORENOON SESSION

The Devotional service was conducted by Rev. R. R. Weismiller, Chaplain of Synod.

The roll was called and the minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted.

Report of the Committee on Reference and Council was read and adopted.

Report of the Adjudication Committee was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE OF ADJUDICATION

We, your Committee of Adjudication, would report that nothing requiring the action of this body has been presented to this committee during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Report on the President's report was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Your committee has examined the splendid report of the President for the last year and wish to commend his untiring zeal and energy in the Kingdom of God. Judging by the result of a strengthened church the committee feels that the election of a full time president was a move for the interest and advancement of the churches of Synod. We commend the organization of new work at Bridgeport and at Lincoln, Fortieth and Randolph Sts.

1. We recommend that the church at Wymore, which applied for admission to Synod, be received.
2. In keeping with the expressed hope of the President we recommend that the Nebraska Synod Lutheran be continued the coming year.
3. In view of the fact that the President has found defects in the Articles of Incorporation of the Synod we recommend that a copy of the revised Articles of Incorporation as may be adopted by the Synod, be forwarded to every congregation of Synod.
4. Your committee wishes to emphasize the hope expressed by the president that the congregation continue their undivided support of our college and seminary at Fremont.
5. We urge that the recommendation of the President regarding the Midland Assembly Committee, be adopted by Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST C. MORTENSEN,
Chairman.

The report of the Trustees of Midland College was read. A motion prevailed that the matter of the Midland College, presented by Rev. J. F. Krueger, D. D., be heard in connection with the adoption of the former report.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MIDLAND COLLEGE

The annual meeting of the Trustees of Midland College was held at Fremont, June 4th and 5th, 1924. The usual reports were read, plans for the future good of the College were discussed and some recommendations were approved by the Board. We desire briefly to call your attention to some of the items of special interest brought to the Board's attention, also to tell you some of the things that are being done in and around the college. Some of this information we have gotten from the reports of the Executive Committee and some from the College office.

We are glad to report that no changes were made in the faculty. Dr. Krueger is very successfully carrying on the work as College President and has proven himself eminently qualified for this office. A spirit

of loyalty and co-operation exists between President Krueger and the members of the faculty. The students also are enthusiastic in their praise of the President. Dr. Krueger has done splendid service in the Midland campaign for endowment. He did not spare himself in his efforts to place Midland where she need to be.

The College enrollment shows another splendid increase in students at the opening of the present semester. Notice the figures in the college's classes: Freshman, 136; Sophmores, 50; Juniors, 20; Seniors, 28; Irregulars, 24; a total of 258. This is an increase of 33% over the past year. The Freshman class alone shows an icrease of 69% over the past year. The enrollment in the departments of piano, voice, violin, and expression is also very encouraging. All of these departments are now doing work of a very high order and are operating on a paying basis.

Prof. Jones, head of the voice department, has directed in the formation of some musical organizations among the students, which give promise of some good results in the future. The Glee Clubs, Quartet and Double Quartet were used to good advantage in the Midland Campaign last spring. Prof. Jones has also organized a large chorus of 200 voices. He has thus united the musicians of the College and the city of Fremont. The chorus is making preparation to sing the Messiah next spring.

The religious interests are being cared for through the Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., Student Volunteer Band, Bible Classes and the pastor of Salem Lutheran Church. Salem congregation is still worshipping in the College Chapel until the new church will be erected. Ground has recently been broken for this new edifice. Salem church is to be commended for the provision that will be made in the erection of her new church for the care of Midland's students. (The churches of the Synod ought to give financial aid in the erection of this new church).

The new gymnasium is about completed. This building is not exceeding the estimated cost made in June, 1923; $125,000.00 will cover all expense. Here is not only a gymnasium, but also a dining room, auditorium, heating plant for all the buildings of Greater Midland. This building is a wonderful help to Midland College. The day of dedication of this splendid building is Friday, October 10th. Athletics have become an interesting part of College life and work. Midland is one of the leading institutions in the state. The gymnasium will help her to do better.

In November, 1923, there was a special meeting of the Board of Trustees. The item of business was to consider the matter better condition to take care of. The money thus borrowed is bearing 6% interest, lower than had been paid.

The Midland Campaign is placing Midland on a good foundation. The splendid sum of $330,000.00, has been pledged. The expense of the campaign is now $18,936.00. Although the full $500,000.00 was not secured at the specified time, the work is to be continued. The Executive Committee has arranged to have Dr. Krueger go on, believing that the

full amount will be pledged. More is coming in, Midland has been brought to the attention of the people and many have nobly responded Our people are learning that Midland is a splendid object to have in their wills. Several have thus made a bequest. One from a party in Grand Island is about $5,000.00. A farm at Waverly brought the sum of about $5,000.00 for Midland.

Ground has recently been broken for the first unit of the Girls Dormitory. This is to be known as the Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Luckey Girls' Dormitory. Mr. Luckey is using his gift of $50,000.00 for this building. The action of the Board last June was that the Executive Committee be authorized to proceed with the Girls' Dormitory when there is four-fifths of the cost of the building in cash or bankable securities in hand. This first unit will cost approximately $80,000.00. Mr. Luckey's gift of $50,000.00 thus satisfies the action of the Board. Mr. Luckey asked for a committee to be appointed to examine the securities which he expects to turn over to the Board of Trustees.

Recommendations

1. That we renew our pledge to support Dr. Krueger in his efforts to build up a first class educational institution in Midland College.
2. That this Synod put Midland College on the Synodical Apportionment to the amount of $1.00 per capita for the Communicant Membership in order to help the college meet its budget for 1924-1925.

WM. IRA GUSS,
G. B. WEAVER.
E. A. VAN FLEET.

Motion prevailed that the item of apportionment of one dollar per capita to Midland College be referred to the apportionment committee.

Motion prevailed to cast the unanimous vote of Synod for Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., as a member of the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

Mr. E. T. Tramp was elected a member on the Board of Trustees of Midland College.

The report of the Synodical Paper was read and adopted.

REPORT OF SYNODICAL PAPER

The financial report of O. A. Keyser, as business manager and the recommendation of the committee are herewith submitted.

Under the present administration, nine issues of the NEBRASKA SYNOD LUTHERAN were published. The issues of June and August were omitted so as to keep the expense within the appropriation.

The publishing was done by the Perkins Printing & Stationery Co., of Fremont. Cost of printing was $32.00 for the first 2,000 copies and

$6.00 per M for additional M's. After completing the new mailing list for the January issue, 6,000 copies were printed in each edition and distributed as follows:

Cities and Towns	3,410
Single List	180
Kountze Memorial	2,250
Extras	160

Expenses were divided as follows:

Printing	$483.80
Postage	9.00
Setting Mailing List	104.45
Folding and Mailing	110.00
Total	$707.25

Financial Statement:

Appropriations, according to Treasurer of Synod	$765.81
Disbursements (including Oct., 1923, issue)	745.25
Balance in Fund	$ 20.56

Recommendations

We, your committee, would recommend the continuance of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran, that an appropriation of $900.00 be levied for the same and that a committee be elected at this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

R. W. LIVERS, Editor
CARL G. AUE, Asst. Editor.
O. A. KEYSER, Business Mgr.

The report of the Laymen's Missionary Movement was read and adopted. The delegation to the U. L. C. Convention in Chicago, was instructed to convey the petitions in the above report to that body.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAYMEN'S MISSIONARY MOVEMENT

Owing to the removal of Rev. C. F. Koch from the bounds of Synod it became necessary for our president to appoint a new chairman of this committee. This appointment was made September 16th, consequently it is impossible to report much accomplished. However the committee met September 25th, to discuss the urgent needs and plan definite action. The committee wishes to urge conscientious efforts on the part of the pastors to foster the idea of Stewardship among the church members. In this connection we wish to commend Mr. O. A. Keyser for publishing his very helpful and instructive pamphlet, "Underwriting Christianity." Pastors and Laymen who have no tread it

should do so. The promoting and organizing of Brotherhoods should be undertaken where such organizations do not exist. In view of the urgent need of assistance to our president this committee favors the calling of a synodical Field Missionary. The scope of this committee's activities is large and we trust that genuine christian co-operation may be forthcoming.

At a joint meeting held in Omaha on October 6th, the Executive Committee of the Nebraska State Brotherhood and the Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee adopted the following recommendation:

Realizing that the demands upon the President of Synod are so numerous that it is physically impossible for him to attend to his administrative duties and also perform the forward work so greatly needed in the Synod, the Committee on Missions is respectfully petitioned to employ a missionary superintendent for the ensuing year; and, in consideration of the fact that this will entail extra expense, the Executive Committee of the Nebraska State Brotherhood pledges its active cooperation toward effecting the raising of the WHOLE apportionment, by enlisting laymen to visit congregations on the call of the President of Synod for organizing the collection of congregational budgets, to which end tentative plans have already been formed for this activity and final arrangements will be completed as soon as Synod acts favorably upon this recommendation.

Your committee further recommends that the following resolution be adopted and transmitted to the Executive Committee of the United Lutheran Church in America:

Whereas, the raising of moneys in our congregations for local purposes, apportionment, and special causes frequently subjects pastors and people to embarrassment, annoyance, antagonism, and even distress, which condition is largely due to the pursuit of unscientific and ungoverned methods; and

Whereas, We believe that giving the Church would be more liberal and less burdensome if efficient methods were adopted;

Be it Resolved, That the United Lutheran Church in America be petitioned to refer the whole matter of church finance to a special committee or to the Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee for the purpose of working out and putting into practice an ideal system of raising and handling the moneys of the church, to which end we make the following specific suggestions:

1. That a standard, authorized system or form of congregational finance be devised and put into print, and that the published form be then distributed among the congregations.

2. That, as soon as the above system or form is ready for exploitation, all the field secretaries of the various boards and all other employees of the general church (insofar as practicable) be put under the jurisdiction and direction of the said special committee or Laymen's Missionary Movement Committee to propagate and organize the standard, authorized financial system in each congregation of the United

Lutheran Church in America, it being understood that all the promotional efforts and expenditures of the United Lutheran Church in America for a sufficient period shall be diverted from other causes and concentrated upon the effort to put the finances of the United Lutheran Church in America upon a rational, ethical, efficient (in short, a Scriptural) basis.

Respectfully, K. DE FREESE,
Chairman.

Rev. L. M. Kuhns, Litt. D., presented a memorial from the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society in regard to the Synodical Paper.

Mrs. G. E. Hickman, President of the Nebraska Women's Missionary Society, and Mrs. L. A. Hornburg, Secretary, were introduced to Synod.

Mr. H. Fischer, Attorney for Synod, presented the Articles of Incorporation for Synod as amended. The Articles were adopted.

Adjournment.

Prayer by Rev. H. L. Greenawalt.

AMENDED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA OF THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

BE IT REMEMBERED that on the 9th day of October, 1924, at the annual Synodical and regularly called meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska held in St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Omaha, Nebraska, there being present fifty-nine regular delegates, the following amended articles of incorporation were adopted by a majority vote of those present:

ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this corporation shall be "THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA OF THE UNITED LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA."

ARTICLE II—PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The principal place of business of this Corporation shall be in the City of Fremont, Dodge County, Nebraska, which may be changed to any other city or town if the majority of delegates at an annual meeting shall so elect.

ARTICLE III—PURPOSE AND OBJECTS

The purpose and objects of this corporation shall be:

(a) The supervision and discipline of its constituent congregations and members in conformity with its Constitution and the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America;

(b) To receive, own, possess, hold and convey property, both real and personal, for religious, charitable, and educational purposes, and to receive property of all kinds by devise or otherwise;

(c) To transact all secular business and manage all temporary affairs of this corporation;

(d) To transact any other business incident to the advancement of the purposes of this corporation as provided for in its constitution and by-laws and in the constitution and by-laws of the United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE IV—INDEBTEDNESS

The total indebtedness of this Corporation shall not exceed at any time the sum of Five Thousand Dollars ($5,000.00), but this indebtedness shall not include any mortgages which this corporation may execute, and no debt of this corporation shall be contracted by any officer of this Corporation, larger than the sum of Fve Hundred Dollars ($500.00).

ARTICLE V—POWERS

The powers of this Corporation shall be vested in the officers of this Corporation, who shall be elected as provided for in the Constitution of the said Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska as adopted in 1920 and as amended to October 15, 1923, which officers shall perform their respective duties as defined in the said Constitution. The matter of leasing, selling, conveying or in any manner alienating the real property of this Synod shall be vested in the said Officers, the President and Secretary signing all deeds, conveyances, leases or other legal documents, imprinting thereon the seal of this Corporation as defined in Article XI of its Constitution. However, no conveyance or lease shall be signed by the said President and Secretary unless it has the approval of the Executive Committee.

ARTICLE VI—MEMBERS

The members shall be Ordained Ministers, Licentiates and Lay Representatives as provided for by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Synod.

ARTICLE VII—SEAL

This corporation shall adopt a seal and such seal shall be as defined in Article XI of the Constitution, and shall have in addition thereto the words "Corporate Seal."

ARTICLE VIII—VACANCIES

All vacancies in the offices of this Corporation shall be filled by the Executive Committee at a regular or special meeting until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IX—LIFE

This Corporation shall begin on the 25th day of March, 1890, and continue for a period of ninety-nine (99) years unless sooner dissolved according to law or as provided for in its Constitution and in the Constitution of the United Lutheran Church in America.

ARTICLE—X—MISCELLANEOUS

All other matters pertaining to the business of this Corporation not herein innumerated shall be in accordance with the Constitution adopted by this Synod.

STATE OF NEBRASKA, }
County of Douglas. } ss.

Be it remembered that on the 9th day of October, 1924, at the annual Synodical and regularly called meeting of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska, the Articles of Incorporation of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska of the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States of America were amended and adopted as set forth above.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have hereunto set our hands, President and Secretary respectively, and affixed the Corporate seal of this Corporation.

W. F. RANGELER,
President.
K. DE FREESE,
Secretary.

Witness: H. FISCHER.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION.

The session was opened with prayer by Rev. Geo. Dorn.

The report of the Committee on Reference and Council was read and adopted.

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF THE ENTRANCE INTO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY OF REV. H. L. GREENAWALT, REV. ELMER E. KAHL AND REV. W. I. GUSS, D. D.

1. Hymn 199, Common Service Book.
2. Prayer by Secretary of Synod.
3. Address by President of Synod.
4. Responses by the Three Brethren.
5. Doxology, "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow." Benediction.

The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read. Motion that the report be adopted item by item. Items 1, 2 and 3 adopted. Motion to adopt last three items by yea and nae, carried. The report was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

When Jesus Christ said: "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all nations" He intended that all the world should come to a saving knowledge of salvation. While the Church of Jesus Christ has made marvelous progress in evangelizing the world, yet the passion of our Lord has not been realized. Signs of a more intensified application of this great command of Christ are evidenced on every side. The heralds of the Christian faith have made sacrifices just as great and hazardous as those in any other department of human endeavor. Whenever the Church loses sight of the evangelistic note of her message she is untrue to her commission and trust.

Your committee charged to stimulate this primary function of the Church feels its inability to properly direct the Synod into larger fields of activity, unless it has the fullest co-operation of the men of Synod.

Activity

During the month of February the Synod was led in special services, which were known as "Pre-Lenten Missions." All of the congregations of Synod were grouped in 23 groups with a chairman in each group. Suggestive literature was prepared by your committee for all the pastors of Synod. Seven circular letters were sent out during the year. The Nebraska Synod Lutheran gave generous space to place the committee's plans before our members. While the response has not been as great as your committee had anticipated, yet we feel that our Synod has started a movement which will be the means of greater things for the kingdom. The editor of the Lutheran made special mention of this campaign in an editorial. As far as we know our Synod was the only one which undertook such a campaign. About fifty per cent of the pastors participated in the committee's plans.

Voices From the Field

Here are a few of the expressions from our pastors who held these Pre-Lenten Missions. "We feel the effort has been worth while and as far as this church is concerned we will be ready to co-operate in a similar week of services next year." "Fine attendance and spirit." "Great hopes in this general move." "The plan of grouping the churches together for special evangelistic services is an excellent one." "Greatest opportunity of the Church." "I am very enthusiastic about the plan." "Move in the right direction." "Endorse this plan most heartily." "The best movement ever started." "Glad we are undertaking such a campaign."

Two Dangers

In this busy age the modern pastor is confronted with two dangers. First, he is so immersed with the administrative functions of the church that all the lights of heaven are blotted out. The calm and quietness that are our heritage as Christmas are put to flight in the pressure. Life lacks its unity, loses its central plan, becomes a race and not a stately progress, slackens its grasp on eternal things, till we grow fret-

ful; and men who looked to us as followers of Christ, for a lesson, find us as worried and anxious as themselves. That is the one extreme; it is the great danger of the practical mind.

But then there is the other. It is the mystic's danger. It is realizing the utter need of fellowship with God; he neglects the tasks that are confronting him; he does nothing because there is so much to do. All mysticism tends to that. It is a recoil from an exaggerated service. It is the shutting of the ear to the more clamorous calls, in order that we may hear more definitely the still, small voice. We need to learn from the Master. He was a man of a multitude of tasks and yet He was always calm. God in life means an eternal purpose. Work achieved on the line of an eternal purpose is work without friction and duty without fret.

The Imperative Need

We must get away from the thought of converting the masses and turn our attention to our mission to the individuaal. Times without number we find Jesus surrounded by a multitude. He is the center of the crowds. He was filled with compassion for the multitude. Every cord of His truly human heart was moved by vast assemblies, and yet, no teacher ever worked on so minute a scale as Jesus Christ. Did any crowd ever get deeper teaching than Nicodemus when he came alone? Was the woman of Samaria despised because she was alone? How many sheep did the shepherd go to seek when the ninety and nine were in the fold? Christ did not work on the scale of a thousand, but on the scale of ONE. "Companionless men were born, and companionless they must be born again." The "age-tried" biblical method of the Lutheran Church of catechisation needs to be re-emphasised today. Simply because some of us can not have fifty or a hundred in the adult confirmation classe we grow discouraged and permit our God-given opportunity to pass by.

WE need to bestire ourselves in matters of the kingdom. We must be about our Father's business. Our Synod shows a gain of 228 in the confirmed column. This is not what it should be. Had it not been for the net accession of 21 in one of our churches, the Synod would have had only an increase of 18 and six of this increase are pastors who should have been counted last year. May we resolve by the grace of God to put forth our best during this coming year.

Recommendations

1. That we as a Synod urge our pastors to start adult Catechisation in a more specific and definite way.

2. That the Committee be authorized to prepare suggestive outlines for such adult instruction for the pastors of Synod.

3. That the Reformation festival be observed in a more definite way throughout the Synod:

(1) Union mass meetings be held wherever possible.

(2) Exchange of pulpits by our pastors in close proximity, wnere mass meetings are not feasible.

4. That Synod recommend a series of Pre-Lenten Missions during the month of February.

5. That Synod approve a day of prayer preceding these services.

6. That our pastors show greater co-operation in these Synod-wide programs.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE DORN,

Chairman Committee on Evangelism.

Rev. Foster U. Gift, D. D., representing the Deaconess Board, Baltimore, addressed Synod.

The report of the Committee on Conference Minutes and Reports was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NORTH AND SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCES

1. Your committee suggests that the recommendation of the South Platte Conference held at York, May, 1924, that "Our Synodical President be considered a member of both North and South Platte Conferences," be adopted.

Your attention is also called to the action of the North Platte Conference at Hooper May 12-14, 1924, memorializing the Nebraska Synod to authorize the formation of a "Tither's League."

2. We recommend its adoption.

3. We also recommend the promotion of the "Tither's League" be placed in the hands of the Committee of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

Respectfully submitted,

J. C. HERSHEY,

H. L. GREENAWALT.

The report by the Committee on Letters and Papers was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS

To the President and Members of Synod:

Brethren:

The papers placed in our hands are communications from the Board of Deaconess Work of the United Lutheran Church of America, signed by Dr. Charles E. Hay, Sec'y of that Board; from the Board of Foreign Mission of the United Lutheran Church, signed by Dr. J. Frank Heilman, Field Sec'y, and the Board of Ministerial Relief of the United Lutheran Church, signed by Dr. Edger Grim Miller, Executive Secretary, and a memoriam from the Women's Missionary Society of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, Synod of Nebraska.

1. Synod has heard with pleasure and interest the representatives of the Boards of the United Lutheran Church and we assure the representatives and Boards of our hearty support and co-operation in the work entrusted to them by the church.

2. Memorial of the Women's Missionary Society maked two requests of Synod:

(a) "That we memorialize the Brethren of Synod to assist in the re-districting of the Synodical Territory for Conferences."

Your committee recommends that this item of the Women's Memorial be referred to the President and Secretary of Synod and to the Presidents of the Conferences of Synod to co-operate with a similar committee from the Women's Missionary Society with power to act.

(b) "That we memoralize the Brethren of Synod to consider the advisability of combining a possible Missionary Bulletin with the Nebraska Synod Lutheran once a quarter."

Your committee recommend that this item of Women's Memorial be referred to the President and Secretary of Synod and the editors of the Nebraska Synod Lutheran to confer with a similar committee from the Women's Missionary Society with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER M. KUHNS,
WALTER A. VOSS,
WM. HOFFMAN.

The Committee on Resolutions reported. Moved to accept report item by item. Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 9, 9, 10 were adopted. Item 11 was placed on the table. Items 12 and 13 were adopted. The report as a whole was adopted except item 11.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

1. WHEREAS, The oustanding event in the near future of the U. L. C. is the Chicago Convention to be held this month; Be it resolved:

1. That we cali upon the people of our Synod to unite in prayer for the success of that convention, to the end that the work of the Kingdom may be furthered through the unity in theory and practice, according to the principles of the Augsburg Confession.

2. That we urge the pastors of our Synod to dissiminate the results of this convention to their congregations.

2. WHEREAS, We have heard representatives of the various boards and institutions of the church at large; Be it resolved:

1. That we urge the pastors of Synod to make proper presentation o fthese objects to their congregations, to the end that they may receive the undivided support of the whole church on this territory.

3. WHEREAS, The evils of hasty marriages and divorce are on the increase; Be it resolved:

1. That this Synod reaffirm its stand on the Scriptural tenets on the matter of marriage, divorce and remarriage.

2. That in view of this growing evil the pastors be urged to impress upon their constituencies the sacredness of the home as a divine institution, through every legitimate avenue at their command.

3. That we pledge ourselves to support all laws and legislation for the elimination of this cancer upon society.

4. WHEREAS, It has been our pleasure to have with us the beloved pioneer of our Nebraska Synod, Rev. Kuhlman; Be it resolved:

1. That we cherish the memory of his consecration and sacrifice, through which we have reaped such a rich heritage.

2. That in recognition of God's rich blessing on the labors of this father in Israel, we thank God and take courage in the task which has fallen upon us.

5. WHEREAS, We note with pleasure the program of progress adopted by the State Luther League; Be it resolved:

1. That we commend and encourage them in every way possible in the establishment of a Hospice for Lutheran Young People in the City of Omaha.

6. WHEREAS, There is a growing conviction throughout the Church of the need of renewed zeal in the promotion of evangelism; Be it resolved;

1. That the pastors of Synod be urged to co-operate to the the fullest extent with the committee on Evangelism.

7. WHEREAS, We have been informed that the German Nebraska Synod has appointed a commitee of six (6) clergyman and three (3) laymen to promote ways and means for the effecting of a union of the Martin Luther Seminary of Lincoln with the Western Theological Seminary at Fremont; Be it resolved;

1. That we recommend that the Executive Committee of Synod be instructed to appoint a like committee of the Nebraska Synod to work in conjunction with the committee of our sister Synod in the consummation of this important step.

8. WHEREAS, We have been so royally entertained by the good people of St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Omaha and the beloved Pastor Loci and wife; Be it resolved;

1. That we hereby express our heartfelt appreciation of this hospitality.

2. That our gratitude be expressed to the Pastor Loci and St. Mark's Lutheran Congregation by the President of Synod.

Respectfully submitted, GEO. E. MORTENSEN,
OLIVER D. BALTZLY,
R. A. WHITE,
M. KOOLEN.

Motion prevailed that the corrections of the Proctol Committee of 1923, be posted in the minutes of 1923.

The Committee on New Congregations and Pastoral Charges reported. The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NEW CONGREGATIONS AND NEW PASTORAL CHARGES

Your committee recommends:

1. The approval of the action of the Hardy-Jewel charge in the matter of the merging of the Jewel congregation with the Hardy congregation.

2. The reception of the Spring Valley congregation of Wymore, Nebraska, into the Nebraska Synod. The constitution adopted by the congregation is the model prepared by the United Lutheran Church.

3. That McCool Junction be joined with some other congregation, if possible, to form one pastorate.

Respectfully submitted,

A. O. SOHLOM,
G. B. WEAVER,
W. F. OTTMAN.

The special Committee on Pooling By-Law reported. The report was adopted.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON POOLING BY-LAW

Your special committee on the by-law to regulate pooling of expenses of delegates offers the following and recommends its adoption as Item 9, under Section 4, namely Delegates, Directors, etc.

At each convention of Synod the President shall appoint a committee which shall determine the average of the railroad fares of all delegates present to and from their respective charges. At the close of the convention the treasurer of Synod shall pay to each delegate whose fare is above the average, provided he remain to the end of Synod, the amount that it is above. And the Synodical treasurer shall send a bill for payment to the treasurer of each congregation whose delegates' fares were below the average, for the amount that they were below. It is understood that a clergy member who is not regularly erving a congregation personally pool his expense with the other members of Synod.

O. W. EBRIGHT,

Motion prevailed that the proposed by-law should not take effect until meeting of the next Synod.

Motion prevailed that the former action of Synod as recorded on page 60 of the printed minutes of the Fifty-first Annual Convention of this Synod, whereby the reports of the

special committee on pooling expenses was accepted, be now rescinded, that the matter might be cared for by by-law.

Motion prevailed that the average amount of pooling be set at $5.57. If there be any balance, it be placed in the treasury of the Synod.

The report on claims was adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS

Claims presented to this committee are as follows:

M. Koolen	$ 4.25
Joseph H. Miller, Treasure's Expense	10.00
R. E. Rangeler, Church School Committee	5.00
George Dorn, Statistcian	5.00
Young People's Secretary	6.00
Evangelism	4.00
Sexton	5.00
Stenographer	17.50
Total	$56.75

C. R. LOWE,
Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON POOLING

Your committee finds that the average railroad fare under the head of this committee is $5.57.

C. R. LOWE,
Chairman.

Motion prevailed that the secretary issue vouchers for pooling and stenographer and janitor.

The report by the Committee on Architecture was read and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ARCHITECTURE

Your committee is glad to call the attention of Synod to the fact that the United Lutheran Church is giving more attention to Church Architecture. Since we have a distinctly Lutheran service, we need a way of building our churches that will indicate Lutheranism.

Your committee has not been consulted concerning any church building, yet one member of the committee has two volumes of the Lutheran Liturgical Association which gives suggestions and helps for the building and arrangements. The brethren are welcome to the use of these volumes.

Your committee believes that each pastor should give diligent attention to Liturgical usages and follow the rubrics in the services of the church more than is sometimes observed.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. WEAVER,
O. D. BALTZLY,
W. F. RANGELER.

The Auditor's report on the treasurer of Synod was read and adopted.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We certify that we have this day audited the Receipts and Disbursements of Dr. Jos. H. Miller, Treasurer, for the year beginning October 1, 1923, and ending October 1, 1924, and find the following:

Balance, October 1, 1923	$ 5,341.01
Receipts, according to duplicates	37,077.63
Total	$42,418.64
Vouchers paid by State Bank of Surprise	$30,663.11
Balance as shown by statement of the above bank, Oct. 1, 1924	11,755.53
Total	$42,418.64
Balance shown by bank statement	$11,755.53
Less Vouchers outstanding	7,484.26
Balance, according to Treasurer's Books	$ 4,271.27

We further find that the cash records of the Treasurer correspond with the above, and that all vouchers paid are in regular form.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. BURKHOLDER,
O. A. KEYSER.

Rev. Charles S. Bream and Mr. J. H. Humpe were elected trustees of Tabitha Home.

Motion prevailed that the delegates to U. L. C. Convention at Chicago be granted a maximum of $6.00 per day expenses. Motion prevailed that the per day expenses be paid to the delegates only as they attend all sessions of the convention.

Report of the Auditor of the Midland College Assembly Treasurer was read and adopted.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska:

We certify that we have this day audited the receipts and disbursements of Dr. W. I. Guss, Treasurer of the Midland Assembly for

Church Workers, for the year beginning October 1, 1923, and ending October 1, 1924, and find the following:

Receipts, according to Bank Deposits	$584.81
Vouchers paid by Peters National Bank	349.81
Balance	$235.00

This balance is evidenced by a first mortgage bond of $200.00 and a current balance of $35.00 in the checking account.

We find that the cash records of the Treasurer correspond with the above, and that all vouchers paid are in regular form.

Respectfully submitted,

O. A. KEYSER,
E. T. TRAMP.

Report of the Ministerial Relief Fund Committee. Motion to accept report item by item. Item No. 1 adopted. Item No. 2, placed on table. Item No. 3, referred to the executive committee. Item No. 4, adopted. Item No. 5, adopted. Item No. 6, referred to executive committee.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTERIAL RELIEF

The past year, 168 retired ministers, 20 disabled ministers, 402 minister's widows, and 82 ministers' children have been supported from the pension funds of the U. L. C. Amount expended, $141,000.00 from apportionment, $11,660 was secured for special relief during the year, making a total of $152,660.00, an average of $230.00 each.

Recommendations

1. That the offering of ordination night at Synod be announced annually for ministerial relief.

2. That a committee co-operating with the Board of Ministerial Relief be appointed by executive committee, consisting of one minister of the Synod and one layman from each conference, of Synod.

3. That the pastors plan to present or arrange for the presentation in their congregations, of the cause of Ministerial Relief annually until the campaign for endowment in 1927-1928.

4. That the pastors comply with the request of the Board of Ministerial Relief for a list of possible contributors to the cause, to whom Christmas letters may be sent.

5. That the Synod approve the place of Association Insurance and appoint a committee to arrange for Synodical insurance as soon as Synod is eligible for insurance.

GEORGE N. MENDENHALL,
HENRY C. LUCKEY.

Motion prevailed to cast unanimous ballot of Synod for Rev. R. W. Livers, as Editor, Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., Associate Editor, and Mr. O. A. Keyser, Business Manager of the Synodical paper.

Motion prevailed to reconsider Item No. 1, of recommendations offered by Committee on Young People's Societies. Motion prevailed to refer the matter concerning item No. 1, of recommendations offered by Committee on Young People's Societies, to the Mission Committee of Synod.

The report of the Committee on Apportionment was read and adopted.

Motion prevailed to have the auditing committee of the Home Mission Treasure report to the Executive Committee and that said report be attached to the Home Mission Committee report.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT

Your committee submits the following report based on the budgets of $26,491.00 for the United Lutheran Church and $20,456.00 for the Nebraska Synod, making a total budget of $46,947.00.

The United Lutheran Church 56.5% and the Nebraska Synod for 43.5%.

The Nebraska Synod Fund to be divided as follows:

Midland College	38.2%
Synodical Treasury	28.0%
Committee on Missions	12.4%
Ministerial Education	8.3%
Tabitha Home	5.9%
Synodical Paper	4.4%
Seminary Contingent Fund	2.3%
Luther League	.5%
	100.0%

Your opportionment based on the average of the confirmed and communing members is for $4.92 per capita.

Omaha, St. Luke	$ 1,230.00
Omaha, St. Mark's	1,427.00
Oshkosh	207.00
Lewellen	216.00
Paxton	212.00
Sutherland	93.00
Ponca	718.00
Potter	138.00
Rising City	581.00
Sidney	310.00
Gurley	295.00
South Sioux City	413.00

Allen	541.00
Stamford, Trinity	320.00
Stamford, Emanuel	197.00
Stella	172.00
Tekamah	236.00
Verdon	689.00
Wolbach	615.00
Ericson	147.00
Walton	438.00
Eagle	191.00
Wayne	1,161.00
Wilber	107.00
West Point	1,825.00
York	310.00
Leigh	630.00
Creston	433.00
Hubbard	88.00
Auburn	492.00
Beatrice	645.00
Barneston	108.00
Benedict, Zion	374.00
Benedict, Bethel	128.00
Bruwing	266.00
Dakota City, Emmanuel	192.00
Dakota City, Salem	344.00
Davenport	645.00
Elkhorn	251.00
Chalco	144.00
Emerson	925.00
Falls City	851.00
Fremont	1,107.00
Grand Island	1,963.00
Hampton	467.00
Hardy, St. Paul's	330 00
Hardy-Jewel	69.00
Homer	325.00
Hooper	708.00
Lincoln	1,461.00
McCool	241.00
Nebraska City	684.00
North Platte	1,983.00
Oakland	251.00
Oamah, First	733.00
Omaha, Grace	940.00
Omaha, Kountze Memorial	15,149.00
Redeemer, Omaha	1,038.00

Respectfully submitted, W. T. KAHSE.

A motion prevailed that the brethren of Synod remember the birthday of Rev. J. F. Kuhlman, on November 10th, by letter or gift.

Mr. Herber Fischer, President of the State Luther League of Nebraska, was introduced to Synod.

The report on Absentees and Excuses was read and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON ABSENTEES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE

That the following names shall be excused from attendance at Synod: Charles S. Brem, Alfonse A. Marohn, Elmer Kahl, R. W. Johnson, C. B. Harmon, D. D.

Respectfully submitted,
REV. R. A. HELMS,
REV. O. A. FRANK,
MR. JNO. BONDERSON.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Your Executive Committee held 5 meetings during the year. The usual routine of business of the Synod was attended to at these meetings, most of which is tabulated in the President's Report and in other reports which shall come before this meeting of Synod.

Answering a request from the Executive Board of United Lutheran Church in America for this Synod's opinion as to the time of meeting of the Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America your Executive Committee expressed the opinion that it would be preferable that the Conventions of the United Lutheran Church in America should be held in the spring rather than in the fall.

Appointments were made by the Executive Committee as shown in the President's report.

A special committee of Synod consisting of Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., and Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., to investigate the standing of Rev. W. H. N. Stevens reported to the Executive Committee and on hearing their report a committee, consisting of Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D., and Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D., was appointed to prefer charges against this Brother for insubordination and to proceed in the matter in accordance with the constitution of Synod as to discipline.

At a meeting of this Committee held March 19, 1924, at Fremont, Neb., your committee authorized and instructed the Examining Committee to examine Student Fred Block and report to the Executive Committee of Synod on the matter of his ordination at the close of the school year. This was made necessary by the call of Student Fred Block to the foreign field in Africa and the desire of the Board that he proceed to the foreign field at the close of the school year. The examination being held and Student Block recommended for ordination, the Executive Committee arranged for his ordination which took place

in connection with the baccalaureate services of Western Theological Seminary, held in Clemen's Hall of Midland College, June 1, 1924. In the absence of the President of Synod, the ordination was performed by a Committee, consisting of Rev. C. A. Aue, D. D., Rev. K De Freese, Cec'y of Synod; Rev. R. W. Livers, and Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D. Rev. Fred Block, together with his wife, also commissioned as a missionary, answered the call of the Board of Foreign Missions and sailed for the foreign field in July, 1924. The prayers and best wishes of this Synod go with these missionaries to their arduous work on the dark continent of Africa. Rev. Block should be regularly enrolled as a clerical member of this Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.
W. F. Rangeler, Chairman.
Rev. K. de Freese, Secretary,
Rev. O. D. Baltzly, D. D.,
Rev. C. G. Aue, D. D.,
Rev. R. W. Livers.

Rev. E. A. Vosseler extended an invitation for the next meeting of Synod at Rising City. The invitation was accepted.

Motion prevailed that fifteen hundred copies be printed of the minutes.

The Synod ordered that the Women's Missionary Society shall be given free 25 pages in the printed minutes, but that for further pages, they shall be charged that which the Synod pays. It was further ordered that the minutes of the Brotherhood meeting be included in the printed minutes. And that the Luther League be given one page.

Fitting services commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of Rev. W. I. Guss, D. D., Rev. H. Greenawalt, and Rev. E. E. Kahl were held.

The Convention of Synod closed with the prescribed order, conducted by the president and secretary.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOLLOWING IS A TRUE AND EXACT COPY OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN SYNOD OF NEBRASKA, HELD IN ST. MARK'S LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OMAHA, NEBRASKA, OCTOBER 8, 9, 1924.

K. DE FREESE,
Secretary.
W. F. RANGELER,
President.

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Lutheran Brotherhood

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod

OF NEBRASKA

Held June 3rd, 1924

The Annual State Brotherhood Convention was called to order at 4:45 P. M., by President W. E. Tilberg, with 22 members present. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. Greenawalt. The Secretary's report was read and aproped. President W. E. Tilberg read a report on the general work of the Brotherhood, reviewing its operations for the past year. On motion by Rev. R. W. Livers, the Brotherhood was authorized to sponsor the Lutheran Boys' Camp for this year, and the Executive Committee was appointed to take care of the necessary details to bring it about.

Election of Officers. The Secretary was instructed to cast the unanimous ballot of the convention for W. E. Tilberg for President. The Secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for W. A. Ottman for Vice President. Mr. A. E. Hecker was elected as Secretary. L. Swanson was elected as Treasurer.

Dr. W. F. Rangeler gave an interesting talk on the possibilities of the Brotherhood sponsoring a Lutheran Parish Worker in this state. He also stressed the needs and benefits of this work.